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IMMIGRATION WHITE HOUSE MEETING
LOURDES MELUZA / LOURDES MELUZÁ
PKG 2:21

President Obama again pledged his support for the DREAM Act during a meeting today with Sen. Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) and Reps. Nydia Velazquez (D-N.Y.) and Luis Gutierrez (D-Ill.), reportedly promising he will talk to senators to encourage them to vote for the act as part of the defense authorization bill . His support is a step in the right direction, the three vocal supporters of immigration reform told reporters after the meeting.

PORVERTY AND ECONOMY
LOURDES DEL RIO/ MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:10

The ranks of the working-age poor climbed to the highest level since the 1960s as the recession threw millions of people out of work last year, leaving one in seven Americans in poverty. The overall poverty rate climbed to 14.3 percent, or 43.6 million people, the Census Bureau said Thursday in its annual report on the economic well-being of U.S. households. The report covers 2009, President Barack Obama's first year in office. The poverty rate increased from 13.2 percent, or 39.8 million people, in 2008.

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EVALUATING SECOND ECONOMIC STIMULUS
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
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The White House is pushing back against criticism of its \$814 billion economic stimulus bill and highlighting scores of projects that it says are creating jobs and turning around a weak economy. With unemployment at nearly 10 percent, Republicans argue that the stimulus has been a costly failure. A new White House report highlights projects ranging from the rehabilitation of the Staten Island Ferry Terminal in New York at a cost of

\$175 million to building a new highway in Nelsonville, Ohio, to help freight traffic get through Appalachia. Ohio's Department of Transportation is using \$138 million in stimulus money on that project.

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**DREAM ACT
VIVIANA AVILA-CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
PKG 2:00**

On Monday, September 20, leaders from education sectors, students and immigration reform activists will a gather in a press conference to urge passage of the DREAM Act. The DREAM Act is bipartisan legislation that enables high-achieving young people - immigrants who have been raised in the United States, have worked hard in school, and then pursue higher education or serve the United States Armed Forces - to legalize and achieve the American Dream. The press conference follows the announcement by Senate Majority Leader Harry (D-NV) to bring the DREAM Act for a vote next week as part of Department of Defense Authorization bill.

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**DREAM ACT
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
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INTERVIEW
GABY PACHECO/ ACTIVIST "DREAM ACT"
APROX 2:30**

Senate Republicans filibustered the defense authorization bill Tuesday afternoon, ending a push by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) to pass the DREAM Act which would provide legal status to some undocumented immigrants in exchange for school or military service, and a repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell as amendments to the legislation. The defense authorization bill has been passed for the past 48 consecutive years. It failed to move to the Senate floor today in a 56-43 vote, with no "yea" votes by Republicans. The main argument marshaled against

continuing with the defense bill was that both a Don't Ask, Don't Tell repeal and the DREAM Act have too little relevance to defense. But both proposals have major implications for those who serve - or wish to serve - in the military. A repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell would allow gays and lesbians to serve openly, without fear their sexual orientation would lead to discharge from the military. The DREAM Act would allow illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children to earn legal status by serving in the military or attending two years of college, providing what many have said would be a needed boost for military recruitment.

**DON'T ASK DON'T TELL MILITARY
LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:45**

The U.S. Senate Tuesday blocked a measure that would let homosexuals serve openly in the military, in a setback for one of President Barack Obama's policy goals. Sixty votes were needed for debate to begin on the bill authorizing defense programs and repeal of the policy known as "don't ask, don't tell." Just 56 senators voted yes and 43 no, but the measure will probably have another chance this year.

**TRUCK DRIVERS REGULATIONS
ANA PATRICIA CANDIANI/ MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:58 & LIVER**

Targeting distractions behind the wheel, the Obama administration proposed Tuesday to bar truck drivers from sending text messages while hauling hazardous materials. The requirements would complement new rules being finalized by the Transportation Department that prohibit commercial bus and truck drivers from sending text messages on the job and restrict train operators from using cell phones and mobile devices on duty.

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**HEALTH CARE REFORM
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:00**

Several key consumer protections under the nation's new health law begin taking effect Thursday six months after its enactment. Insurers can no

longer set a dollar limit on the amount of care they'll provide over a person's lifetime or deny coverage to sick children. Young adults can stay on their parents' health plans until age 26. And consumers get greater rights to appeal insurers' decisions. Many people, however, will have to wait until Jan. 1 for the changes to help them. That's because most of the new provisions apply to insurance policies that begin on or after Thursday. Many plans operate on a calendar year, and this fall will begin enrollment for next year.

FUTURE OF DREAM ACT
LOURDES MELUZÁ / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:09

Immigration advocates have long pushed for the DREAM Act as a way to give children who were brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents a chance to become legal residents and have access to higher education. The less publicized part of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act is that the Pentagon is pushing for it as a means to staff the armed forces. Prospects dimmed Tuesday when Senate prevented a vote on a defense spending bill, because the DREAM Act was attached as an amendment.

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REPUBLICANS AGENDA
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:14

House Republicans are reaching out to discontented voters with a 21-page plan of action. They unveiled their "Pledge to America" today at a suburban Washington hardware store. It promises to cut taxes and spending, reduce government regulation, repeal the new health care law and end the president's stimulus program. It pledges to "put government on a path to a balanced budget," without specifying how it will do that. The unveiling capped a private debate among Republicans who wanted a public agenda and those who worried it would open their candidates to criticism.

UNITED NATIONS
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 2:38

President Barack Obama says the U.S. will offer help to those developing nations that commit to democracy and economic revival. But Obama, speaking to world leaders gathered at the United Nations, offered no new commitments of U.S. dollars to developing nations. Obama has told world leaders at the U.N. that Iran must prove to the world that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

**HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL
LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:13**

Amid continued public confusion over what's in it, some provisions of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul take effect today, including an end to lifetime caps on medical costs. The overhaul allows parents to keep their adult children on their health plans until age 26. And insurers can no longer deny coverage to children with pre-existing conditions. Also, some preventive care will no longer require copayments. Consumers whose insurance plan year begins Jan. 1 will have to wait until then for these changes.

**SMALL BUSSINESS
VO :12**

Democrats controlling Congress are sending President Barack Obama a long-delayed bill to help struggling small businesses with easier credit and give them other incentives to expand and to hire new workers. The legislation passed by a 237-187 vote that split along party lines. It establishes a \$30 billion government fund to help Main Street banks lend to small businesses and cut taxes on both big and small businesses. The legislation is aimed at easing a small-business credit crunch that worsened dramatically after the financial crisis two years ago.

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**VAN TRAN ASKS FOR APOLOGY
CRISTINA PUIG. SATELLITE ROOM
PKG 2:14**

Orange County Democratic Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez was dealing with backlash following controversial remarks she made to a reporter in

Spanish. The Republican contender for her seat, Van Tran, has demanded an apology for what he called a "negative message" of "racial division." Sanchez made the comments in a televised interview Sunday with a Hispanic TV station. She told the reporter in Spanish, "The Vietnamese and the Republicans are with an intensity trying to take away this seat" and give it to her challenger, who she called very anti-immigrant and anti-Hispanic.

COLBERT AT IMMIGRATION HEARING

VO :23

The appearance of comedian Stephen Colbert before the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law has turned into an embarrassment for the Democrats responsible for the hearing. The subcommittee is chaired by Rep. Zoe Lofgren, but Rep. John Conyers is chairman of the larger Judiciary Committee. In that role, he has a seat on the subcommittee, and he spoke up early in the hearing.

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DREAM ACT LATEST

VO: 20

September 27th is a National Day of Action to win the Federal and California Dream Acts. The California Dream Act is sitting on California Governor Schwarzenegger's desk awaiting his signature. If he does not veto the California Dream Act on or before September 30, 2010, it will become law. The Democratic-controlled Congress must pass the Federal Dream Act now, before its next session. On Monday, students and activists will hold rallies and demonstrations in places as far away as Los Angeles and Berkeley (where they will march on the governor's offices in each city), San Jose, Ann Arbor, and Detroit.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS ACT

JAIME GARCIA- LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Today, President Obama will sign the Small Business Jobs Act, a bill that will give our nation's small businesses support and incentives to help them grow and hire. The bill includes a series of small business proposals that the President put forth earlier this year, and small businesses will start

benefiting from the bill on day one. The bill immediately extends successful SBA Recovery Act provisions, meaning that within a few days, it will restart the SBA's Recovery lending, beginning with the more than 1,300 small businesses that have been waiting to get the credit they need - with thousands more benefitting in the coming weeks. And the bill includes eight new small business tax cuts - all effective as of Monday, and applying to small businesses' taxes for this year - providing an immediate incentive for businesses to make new investments and expand.

INTERNET WIRETAPS

VO: 20

The Obama administration is pushing to make it easier for the government to tap into internet and e-mail communications. But the plan has already drawn condemnation from privacy groups and communications firms may be wary of its costs and scope. Frustrated by sophisticated and often encrypted phone and e-mail technologies, U.S. officials say that law enforcement needs to improve its ability to eavesdrop on conversations involving terrorism, crimes or other public safety issues. Critics worry the changes are an unnecessary invasion of privacy and would only make citizens and businesses more vulnerable to identity theft and espionage. The new regulations that would be sent to Congress next year would affect American and foreign companies that provide communications services inside the U.S. It would require service providers to make the plain text of encrypted conversations -- over the phone, computer or e-mail -- readily available to law enforcement, according to federal officials and analysts.

MIGRAINE GENE

VO: 20

Migraine sufferers have been offered new hope after researchers identified a faulty gene responsible for the debilitating headaches. The finding could lead to better treatment and improve the quality of life for the one in five people who have the neurological disorder. Scientists at the University of Oxford, along with colleagues in Canada, took DNA samples from migraine sufferers and their families. They found that if a gene called Tresk is defective it can trigger pain nerves in the brain and cause a severe headache. The discovery explains why people in the same family often suffer from the condition and could lead to new drugs that can switch off the pain.

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**MENENDEZ IMMIGRATION REFORM
LOURDES MELUZA/WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:39**

Last night, Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy filed the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2010. America's Voice is issuing a three page and one page summary of the legislation. According to Frank Sharry, Executive Director of America's Voice: "With the introduction of comprehensive immigration reform legislation, Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT) are signaling that comprehensive immigration reform remains a top priority, helping to put the movement fighting for immigration reforms back on offense, and challenging Republicans to lead, follow or get out of the way."

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