

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

112th Congress & NAHU's Priorities for 2011

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What Happened?

- On March 21, the House passed HR 3590, the bill passed by the Senate on December 24, 2009, with a 219-213 vote.
- The House and Senate have also passed a reconciliation bill, HR 4872, with a packages of "fixes" to the Senate bill.
- President Obama has now signed both bills into law.
- These Acts are now the law of the land, but that is not the end of the story
- November 2010, American people elected new leadership!
- January 2011, Florida Judge declares PPACA unconstitutional



"We have to pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it" Speaker Nancy Pelosi

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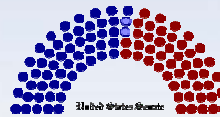
112th Congress January 3, 2011 to January 3, 2013



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112th Congress – Senate



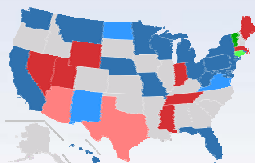
51 [Democrats](#)
2 [Independents](#), both caucusing with Democrats
47 [Republicans](#)

[President of the Senate: Joe Biden \(D\)](#)
[President pro tempore of the Senate: Daniel Inouye \(D\)](#)

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2012 Senate Race



2014

Democrat Incumbent - 18
Retiring Democrat - 3
Independent Incumbent - 1
Retiring Independent - 1
Republican Incumbent - 8
Retiring Republican - 2
No Senate Election

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Washington Hill Visits with our Senators from Louisiana



Senator David Vitter (R)
Armed Services, Banking, Housing and Affairs, Commerce, Science and Transportation, Environment and Public Works, Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Met with Michael Wong, Senator Vitter's Legislative Staffer in charge of Healthcare.

REPEAL! REPEAL! REPEAL!



Senator Mary Landrieu (D)
Appropriations, Energy and Natural Resources, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Chair)

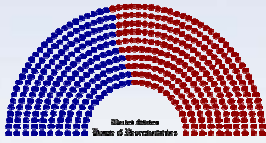
Met with Jessica Stone, Senator Landrieu's Legislative Staffer in charge of Healthcare.

MLR's change be adjusted on the State Level????

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112th Congress - House



242 Republicans
193 Democrats

[Speaker of the House: John Boehner \(R\)](#)

Republicans have the majority and the President has the Veto Pen.

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Washington Hill Visits with our Representatives from Louisiana



Congressman John Fleming (R)
Armed Services and Natural Resources

Met with Congressman Fleming at Washington Mardi Gras and on the Hill.

Economy will determine the need for Agents!



Congressman Charles Boustany, Jr. (R)
Ways and Means

Met with Michael Thompson, Chief of Staff for Congressman Boustany.

Fight is in the Senate!

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Washington Hill Visits with our Representatives from Louisiana



Congressman Steve Scalise (R)
Energy and Commerce

Met with Congressman Scalise between running to cast budget votes.

REPEAL, REPEAL, REPEAL!!!



Congressman Bill Cassidy (R)
Energy and Commerce

Met with Aimee Hartlage, Congressman Cassidy's Legislative Staffer in charge of Healthcare and had dinner with Congressman Cassidy.

Willing to work with us!

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Washington Hill Visits with our Representatives from Louisiana



Congressman Rodney Alexander (R)
Appropriations

Met with Congressman Alexander.

He was an Insurance Agent and understands!



Congressman Cedric Richmond (D)
Homeland Security and Appropriations

Met with Samantha Shay, Congressman Richmond's Legislative Staffer on the hill and met with Congressman Richmond at DC Mardi Gras.

We are willing to learn!

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Washington Hill Visits with our Representatives from Louisiana



Congressman Jeff Landry (R)
Natural Resources, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure

Met with Staffer

Going to Schedule a meeting in the District!

DC Visit....Conclusion...

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Review Capitol Conference 2011

- HHS hosting a meeting Friday and invited all of the Insurance Commissioners and Agent Community to attend.
- House has the largest majority of freshman in 60 years, 96 Freshman. 20 are small business owners, 10 doctors, 7 farmers, 1 sheriff, 1 NFL player and 1 pizza owner. The freshman have double the amount of women, 87 are republican, represent 230 children and 1/3 consider the bible their most influential book.
- Average age of people working on health policy is 24.
- Don't talk yourself out of a yes
- Kevin McCarty, Commissioner of Florida won the Spirit Award from NAHU. He stated, Insurance Agents make him a better Commissioner!
- HUPAC is the 6th largest PAC in the industry. Trying to get to 1 million. We must make a difference. The fight is NOW!
- Federal High Risk Pool has immediate coverage, if you don't count the 6 month waiting period.

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Review Capitol Conference 2011

- Joel Ario, Director of Office of Insurance Exchanges for HHS stated, he is being told navigators are needed because Agents are not linguistic nor do they go everywhere that is needed to enroll.
- Our Anti-trust laws do not allow us to discuss what is a fair commission.
- Speakers at Capitol Conference included:



Representative Andy Harris (R-MD)
Joel Ario, Director of Office of Health Insurance Exchanges at DHHS Representative
Mike Rogers (R-MI) House Majority Whip – Authoring MLR Legislation
Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) NAIC President
Iowa Insurance Commissioner Susan Voss
Representative Peter Roskam (R-IL)
Richard Popper, Deputy Director for Insurance Programs at DHHS Representative
Rob Andrews (D-NJ)
Senator Mark Begich (D-AK)
Senator Mike Enz (R-WY) – Authoring MLR Legislation
Karen Harned, Executive Director, NFIB Small Business Legal Center

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Confused –???

MLR Application Status

MLR Legislation

Reduction in Commissions

Supreme Court Ruling

Defunding PPACA

Republicans take the Senate!

Exchanges

- *Think Tank*
- *Governor Jindal*
- *Carol Steckel*

Today, Tomorrow, the Future

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