

HR 3200: America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009

To provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes.

That's the summary of HR 3200 according to THOMAS introduced by Rep. John Dingell (D-MI) on July 31st 2009. HR 3200 is unique in that all the co-sponsors are Democrats and that health care reform is one of the signature items on President Barack Obama's agenda. All the details of HR 3200 are available here at THOMAS: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:h.r.03200>.

Due to the highly charged partisan nature of this piece of legislation health care reform has been given the moniker of "ObamaCare". It is also worth noting that any and all Republican amendments offered in committee were voted down along partisan lines and that the Congressional Budget Office estimates an increase in the budget deficit should HR 3200 be enacted (CBO analysis available here): <http://www.cbo.gov/doc.cfm?index=10464>).

There are two exceptional Republican lawmakers on Capitol Hill who saw their amendments voted down in committee along partisan lines: former Jack Kemp protégée Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and South Carolina Senator Jim DeMint.

Rep. Ryan's proposals are listed at his Congressional website: <http://www.house.gov/ryan> and his interview with former Secretary of Education in the Reagan Administration William J. Bennett is available here: <http://www.house.gov/ryan/audio/111th/72909BM.htm>.

Senator DeMint, a vocal critic of Barack Obama, has his proposal titled The Health Care Freedom Act on his Congressional website: <http://demint.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?Fuseaction=SponsoredBills.HealthCareFreedomAct>.

Senator DeMint also had an Op-Ed published in The Washington Examiner:
http://demint.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?Fuseaction=PressReleases.Detail&PressRelease_id=0fed47b2-c566-7320-1032-8ad1b00c9eed.

For further information on ObamaCare and its implications:

What Soviet Medicine Teaches US (Mises.org):
<http://mises.org/story/3650>

Your taxes to pay for abortions (Op-Ed in The Washington Times):
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2009/aug/24/your-taxes-to-pay-for-abortion/>

Co-ops and the health care debate (Cato Institute):
http://www.cato.org/dailypodcast/podcast-archive.php?podcast_id=963

The Heritage Foundation health care policy website:
<http://fixhealthcarepolicy.com/>

Obama's Health Care Rationer-In-Chief:
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203706604574374463280098676.html>

Another great resource for learning more about ObamaCare is the website put together by the former New York State Lt. Governor Betsy McCaughey: <http://www.defendyourhealthcare.us/home.html> this site includes the pdf versions of both the House bill (HR 3200: America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009) and the Senate bill (Affordable Health Choices Act: HELP Committee.)