

ACTION ALERT

Tell lawmakers: Reject Obama's pro-abortion health care bill

White House and top congressional Democrats are not giving up on passing a pro-abortion health care bill.

The Obama White House and top Democratic congressional leaders, although shaken by the January 19 election of Republican Scott Brown to the Senate seat previously held by Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), are attempting to push broad health care legislation through Congress within a matter of weeks -- meaning that pro-life interests remain in grave jeopardy.

On January 25, the Associated Press reported the emergence of a new plan which would allow the U.S. Senate to pass health care legislation with a 51-vote majority. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif) may revise the Senate health care bill (H.R. 3590). If the U.S. House makes changes to the U.S. Senate health care bill and passes the bill, the bill will then be returned to the U.S. Senate. The U.S. Senate could use a procedure known as reconciliation and circumvent the need for a 60-vote majority. In this scenario, a majority of 51 Senators could amend their bill to address House concerns sending the bill to President Obama.

National Right to Life notes that the enactment of the abortion-related provisions of the health care bill passed by the Senate (H.R. 3590) would constitute the biggest expansion of abortion by Congress since *Roe v. Wade*.

"The Senate bill would result in direct federal funding of abortion, federal subsidies for private abortion insurance, and federal pro-abortion mandates," said NRLC Legislative Director Douglas Johnson. "This bill would be, by far, the biggest expansion of abortion ever approved by Congress since *Roe v. Wade*." Each member of the House should be urged to oppose the Senate-passed health bill (H.R. 3590) because of the provisions that would result in abortion mandates and abortion subsidies. It is especially important that Democrats who voted for the Stupak-Pitts Amendment on November 7, 2009, hear from constituents in opposition to the Senate bill.

ACTION ITEM

Time is short! Please telephone the office of your U.S. House member. The Washington offices of your representatives can be reached through the Capitol Switchboard, 202-224-3121.

Sample message: "I strongly urge you to oppose any health care legislation that does not contain explicit and comprehensive protections against federal subsidies for abortion and federal pro-abortion mandates. I am strongly opposed to the bill passed by the Senate on December 24 (H.R. 3590), which would result in funding of abortion, subsidies for private insurance plans that cover abortion, and pro-abortion federal mandates. The language of the Stupak-Pitts Amendment, approved by the House on November 7, 2009, is absolutely necessary in any health care bill."

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