

A LOOK AT THE OVERHAUL BILL

COST: \$940 billion over 10 years, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

HOW MANY COVERED: 32 million uninsured. When fully phased in, 95 percent of eligible Americans would have coverage, compared with 83 percent today.

INSURANCE MANDATE: Almost everyone is required to be insured or else pay a fine. There is an exemption for low-income people.

INSURANCE MARKET REFORMS: Insurers would be forbidden from placing lifetime dollar limits on policies and from denying coverage to children because of pre-existing conditions. Insurers would be prohibited from denying coverage to people with medical problems.

MEDICAID: Expands the federal-state Medicaid insurance program for the poor to cover people with incomes up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level.

TAXES: The tax would be delayed until 2018, and the income thresholds at which it is imposed would be \$10,200 for individuals and \$27,500 for families.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS: Gradually closes the "doughnut hole" coverage gap in the Medicare prescription drug benefit that seniors fall into once they have spent \$2,830.

EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY: As in the Senate bill, businesses are not required to offer coverage. Instead, employers

are hit with a fee if the government subsidizes their workers' coverage.

SUBSIDIES: The proposal provides more generous tax credits for purchasing insurance. The aid is available on a sliding scale for households making up to four times the federal poverty level.

HOW YOU CHOOSE YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE: Small businesses, the self-employed and the uninsured could pick a plan offered through new state-based purchasing pools called exchanges.

GOVERNMENT-RUN PLAN: No government-run insurance plan. People purchasing coverage through the new insurance exchanges would have the option of signing up for national plans overseen by the federal office that manages the health plans available to members of Congress.

ABORTION: The proposal keeps the abortion provision in the Senate bill. The bill tries to maintain a strict separation between taxpayer dollars and private premiums that would pay for abortion coverage. No health plan would be required to offer coverage for abortion.

GOP HEALTH CARE SUMMIT IDEAS: Obama announced he was open to incorporating several Republican ideas into his legislation. But two of the principle ones did not make it into the legislation released Thursday. The legislation incorporates only one, an increase in payments to primary care physicians under Medicaid.

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bill in the House and 40 who voted for it only after first making sure it would include strict abortion limits that have been modified.

Democratic leaders worked late Friday attempting to resolve the dispute over abortion. Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., who succeeded last November in inserting strict anti-abortion language into the House bill, hopes to do so again. That prospect angered lawmakers who support abortion rights.

"We're not going to vote for a bill that restricts a woman's right to choose beyond current law," said Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., as she left an evening meeting with Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Abortion opponents are divided over whether restrictions on taxpayer funding in

the bill go far enough.

The historic legislation, affecting virtually every American and more than a year in the making, would extend coverage to an estimated 32 million Americans who lack it, forbid insurers to deny coverage on the basis of pre-existing conditions and cut federal deficits by an estimated \$138 billion over a decade.

Congressional analysts estimate the cost of the two bills combined would be \$940 billion over a decade.

For the first time, most Americans would be required to buy insurance, and they would face penalties if they refused.

Billions of dollars would be set aside for subsidies to help families at incomes of up to \$88,000 a year afford the cost.

And the legislation also provides for an expansion of Medicaid that would give government-paid health care to millions of the poor.



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PASTOR, I HAVE A QUESTION DOES THE ISLAMIC RELIGION REPRESENT A THREAT TO AMERICA?

Christians are being driven from their homes, murdered, and enslaved in Islamic nations according to William J. Murray, Chairman of the Religious Freedom Coalition. Islam is extending its influence over Europe and the United States. Statistics claim there are 9 million, but with illegal immigrants, it is probably closer to 15 million, according to a missionary that grew up in Central Asia. He said Uzbekistan, where he grew up, was 88% Islam. It is projected that in 30 years there will be 50 million Moslems in the USA.

How do Moslems seek to take control of a nation? Moslems seek to influence a nation by immigration, reproduction, education, the government, illegal drugs, and by supporting the gay agenda.

What happens when Moslems take over a nation? They will destroy the constitution and force the Moslem religion on the society, take freedom of religion away, and they will persecute all other religions.

We need to take the 'freedom call' we have to influence the Moslems for Jesus Christ, who is more than just a prophet - Jesus is God. Jn. 1:1, 14, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. Jn 3:36, *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*"

Have you put your faith in Jesus Christ? Have you repented of your sins and trusted Christ as your personal Savior and Lord?

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