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The <u>House</u>has 24 suspension votes scheduled for Thursday and a possible vote on the Senate Amendment to <u>H.R. 5297</u> - the <u>TARP, Jr.</u> Act. A vote on TARP, Jr. has been postponed a few times. The <u>Senate</u> will vote on <u>S.J. Res. 30</u>, a resolution of disapproval dealing with the National Mediation Board sponsored by Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA). The Senate will then conduct a a vote on S. 3628, the unconstitutional DISCLOSE Act.

Today is the 6 month anniversary of ObamaCare. Conn Carroll of The Foundry reports that conservatives are "Six Months Closer to Repeal." The new law has proven to be a magnet for lawsuits from States objecting to the <u>unconstitutional mandate</u> and liberals are running away from this unpopular law.

Carroll argues that ObamaCare has proven to be unpopular on day of the 6 month anniversary of the law:

<u>Rasmussen Reports</u>, <u>Gallup</u> and <u>CNN</u>all put opposition to Obamacare somewhere between 56% and 61%. The law is so toxic that hardcore leftists locked in tough election fights like Sens. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Michael Bennet (D-CO) <u>ignore the law altogether</u> in the health care section of their campaign websites.

Why is it unpopular? Because the promised made to pass the bill have proven to be false.

Anyone who has been following the news since Obamacare's passage already knows why the law is so unpopular: <u>billion dollar employer losses</u>, <u>exploding spending estimates</u>, <u>higher health care</u> costs, fewer doctors, fewer choices, fewer jobs, etc

<u>Carroll</u> argues that consumers are hurt because they will lose HSAs and FSAs, in addition to the possibility that many consumers will be dumped from plans.

Remember President Obama's <u>promise</u>, "If you like your health care plan, you can keep your health care plan"? Don't believe it. Do you like your <u>health savings account (HSA)</u> or <u>flexible spending accounts (FSAs)</u>? Well those provide you with too much economic health care freedom for Obamacare to work, so Obamacare regulates both out of existence. Do you like your current employer coverage? Sorry, studies show that <u>Obamacare's regulations are likely to incentivize employers to dump 35 million Americans out of their current health care plan</u>. And once they are in the new marketplace, other <u>Obamacare regulations and mandates are already sending health insurance premiums through the roof</u>.

<u>Michael Cannon</u> of CATO wrote for the Washington Times today that ObamaCare is hurting patients and the idea of affordable health care.

Six months ago today, President <u>Obama</u> signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly known as <u>Obamacare</u>. The intervening six months have shown that this health care law

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offers neither patient protection nor affordable health care - in fact, quite the opposite.

<u>Obamacare</u>'s greatest selling point was that it would guarantee health insurance coverage to people with pre-existing conditions, starting with children, through government price controls that would prohibit insurers from charging higher premiums to those patients. Unfortunately, the only thing price controls guarantee is misery.

ObamaCare has been a disaster for consumers and things are only expected to get worse. The repeal ObamaCare effort spearheaded by Congressman Steve King (R-Iowa) has picked up steam and we can expect elements of repeal to commence in 2011.

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Health Care?

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Just the passing of the horrifying Obamacare proved that our elected representatives neither care for us nor what we want. They chose not to listen, to read or to study the long-term effects of such a bill. Thanks to their arrogance, I pay 425% more for my health care premiums and receive less in benefits. Did I like my health care before? Did it fit our family's needs? Was it affordable for us? Yes, yes and yes! Because of other policies this administration has implemented our income has also decreased and we are in a position where we may not have employment by the end of the year. So do increased health care costs hurt us? Yes! I am so tired of immoral legislators who are power mad and brain dead. The health care bill is destructive and a huge lie!

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