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## Reid's Senate Bill: contact your Senator

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The [Institute for Health Freedom](#) advises you to contact your Senator **today** about tomorrow's vote "on a motion to proceed" on Harry Reid's health care bill (Sat. Nov 21). There are many reasons not to like this bill. The Institute summarizes:

The bill would (among many other provisions):

- require nearly every legal resident to [buy government-sanctioned health insurance](#);
- increase Medicare payroll taxes on individuals earning over \$200,000 per year and couples earning over \$250,000 per year (raising \$54 billion in taxes over 10 years);
- slap a new tax on "Cadillac" health plans (high-cost plans offered by employers to their employees) – raising \$149 billion in taxes over 10 years (2010–2019).
- finish laying the building blocks for a computerized "Nationwide Health Information Network" (NHIN) *without* patients' consent.

For more information and a link to contact your Senator, see this [summary of Reid's Senate Health Bill](#).

See also Cato's Michael Cannon: [Reid Health Bill Perpetuates the \\$1.5 Trillion Fraud](#).

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