**Debate and Vote on Whether to Debate the**

# Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

**(Senate Health Care Bill)**

1. According to Senate Minority Leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky)  what does he know about the senate bill?

2. What is Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's first comment (D-Nv)  in this debate? What caused ½ of all bankruptcies?

3. From graphic- In what ways does the senate bill require people to buy health insurance?

4. From graphic- What part of the bill would states be able to opt out of?

5. Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt)  said the senate should not do what?

6. What "generational" argument does Sen. Mark Udall (D-Co)  make? Do you agree?

7. From graphic- The debate you're seeing excerpts from is to decide what?

8. What has not solved the health care problem according to Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Or) ?

9. Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)  is concerned about what health care prediction for his state?

10. Senate Democrats claim their health care bill will cost 800 billion over ten years. What does Sen. Judd Gregg (R-NH) claim it will cost?

11. Sen. Kit Bond (R-Mo) mentions examples of government decision making in health care. Does this concern you?

12. How does Sen. John Thune (R-SD) compare current and future costs of health care if the Democrat bill is passed?

13. What claims doe Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) make about this bill? What changes in the cost of health care have taken place since the last (and failed) congressional attempt to address this issue?

14. What does Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wa) claim will take place if no changes to the

cost of health care are made?

15. What point does Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La)  make about her vote to start debate on this bill?

16. What is one difference between the bill that passed the House and this Senate ("Reid") bill that Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT)  mentioned?

17. What "broken promise" of President Obama did Sen. Mike Johanns (R-Ne)  point out?

18. What point does Sen. Al Franken (D-Mn) make about the senate bill in its *current* form? From 2000-2007 what percent increase did insurance companies profits go up by?

19. What political pressure has Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-Ar)  faced regarding this issue?

20. How does Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tn)  describe Medicaid (health insurance for some poor people) and what does he says about states?

21. When does the proposed legislation take effect if passed and what point does Sen. Robert Bennett (R-Wa)  make about that?

22. What alternatives to the legislation does Sen. John McCain (R-Az)  suggest?

**According to Senate rules, 60 votes are needed to end debate on whether to debate this bill.**

23. What was the vote?