



Democrats Running From Their ObamaCare Votes

Even Democrats Are Unhappy With ObamaCare's Higher Taxes And An Unaccountable Medicare Rationing Board

DEMOCRATS ARE JOINING REPUBLICAN EFFORTS TO UNDO OBAMACARE

Obama's Request For Additional ObamaCare Funding Was Denied

Senate Democrats Are Denying Obama's Request For Additional Funding To Implement ObamaCare And Other Reforms. "Paying a price for his indifference, President Barack Obama is expected to get little or none of the extra money for health care and Wall Street reforms that the administration has been seeking in a six-month stopgap spending bill coming to the Senate floor this week." (David Rogers, "Senate Bill Won't Include President Obama Priorities," [Politico](#), 3/10/13)

- **Obama Had Requested \$949 Million For Setting Up ObamaCare's Exchanges.** "The White House had wanted \$949 million added within the Department of Health and Human Services to help lay the groundwork for setting up state health-care exchanges to begin enrollment next fall. Smaller plus-ups were also proposed for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission, both affected by the recent cuts." (David Rogers, "Senate Bill Won't Include President Obama Priorities," [Politico](#), 3/10/13)

Democrats Are Joining The Republican Chorus To Eliminate ObamaCare Provisions

Democrats Are Becoming More Vocal In Their Criticisms Of ObamaCare And Components "Of The Law That They Want Changed Or Eliminated." "But now that they feel its future is protected and it's safe from repeal, Democrats are slowly becoming more vocal about small parts of the law that they want changed or eliminated — device taxes, a Medicare board, even kids' dental coverage, to name a few." (Jennifer Haberkorn, "With ObamaCare Entrenched, Democrats Feel Free To Gripe," [Politico](#), 3/11/13)

- **A Growing Number Of Democrats Are Now Joining Republicans To Repeal ObamaCare's Medical Device Tax And The Independent Payment Advisory Board.** "For instance, four Senate Democrats and two dozen House Democrats have signed on to Republican bills to repeal the law's tax on medical-device manufacturers. Another 10 House Democrats want to repeal one of the law's boards charged with containing Medicare spending." (Jennifer Haberkorn, "With ObamaCare Entrenched, Democrats Feel Free To Gripe," [Politico](#), 3/11/13)

OBAMACARE'S MEDICAL DEVICE TAX IS FACING BIPARTISAN OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS

Democrats Are Joining Republicans To Call For The Repeal Of The Medical Device Tax

Last Year, Three Senate Democrats Declined Co-Sponsoring Legislation That Would Repeal The Tax Are Now Calling For Repeal. “Four Senate Democrats — Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken of Minnesota, Bob Casey of Pennsylvania and Joe Donnelly of Indiana — are co-sponsoring a Republican bill to repeal the law’s medical-device tax. None were co-sponsors last year (although Donnelly was just elected to the Senate in November).” (Jennifer Haberkorn, “With ObamaCare Entrenched, Democrats Feel Free To Gripe,” [Politico](#), 3/11/13)

- **A Companion Bill In The House Has Already Received The Support Of “Two Dozen Democrats.”** “Two dozen Democrats have signed on to a corresponding House bill, sponsored by Republican Rep. Erik Paulsen, also of Minnesota, which is home to many device makers. Only five Democrats co-sponsored the bill in the last Congress, although many more backed it when it came up for a vote.” (Jennifer Haberkorn, “With ObamaCare Entrenched, Democrats Feel Free To Gripe,” [Politico](#), 3/11/13)

Earlier This Year, 17 Democrat Senators Signed A Letter Urging Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) To Delay The Implementation Of ObamaCare’s Medical Device Tax. “A group of 17 Democratic U.S. Senators and Senators-elect have signed a letter urging for a delay in implementing a tax on the medical device industry that is scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1, said two people familiar with the matter.” (Joseph Walker, “Group Of Senate Democrats Seek Delay In Medical Device Tax,” [The Wall Street Journal’s Washington Wire](#), 12/10/12)

Obama Has Stated That He Will Not Do Away With The Medical Device Tax

Despite Pleas For The Delay Of The Medical Device Tax From Democrat Senators, Obama Stated That He Will Not Delay Or Sign To Repeal The Medical Device Tax. WCCO’s FRANK VASCELLARO: “It’s the medical device tax, it’s really important for companies like St. Jude and Medtronic and any medical device company and there are a number of them in Minnesota. It’s a tax that would help pay for ObamaCare. And the most interesting thing is that Senator Franken and Klobuchar, who are Democrats from Obama’s own party would like to perhaps repeal part of this or at least delay this medical device tax. So I asked the president today are you willing to at least delay the tax?” OBAMA: “No, and here’s why. The health care bill is going to provide those medical device companies 30 million new customers. It’s going to be great for business and they’re doing really well right now.” ([WCCO](#), 12/13/12)

OBAMACARE’S INDEPENDENT PAYMENT ADVISORY BOARD (IPAB) IS DRAWING IRE FROM DEMOCRATS

A Bill That Would Repeal ObamaCare’s Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) Has Already Received The Backing Of Ten Democrats. “Ten House Democrats are co-sponsoring a bill to repeal the law’s Independent Payment Advisory Board, a controversial panel that is designed to keep Medicare spending in check. Last year, only one Democrat voted to repeal the board, but others supported an earlier version of the bill.” (Jennifer Haberkorn, “With ObamaCare Entrenched, Democrats Feel Free To Gripe,” [Politico](#), 3/11/13)

- **Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) “Strongly Opposes” IPAB.** “Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) says he strongly opposes the board because it grants the executive branch power over spending that should be reserved for Congress.” (Jennifer Haberkorn, “With ObamaCare Entrenched, Democrats Feel Free To Gripe,” [Politico](#), 3/11/13)

Obama Has Doubled-Down On His Support Of IPAB, Calling It A “Good Thing”

Obama: “Now, So What This Board Does Is Basically Identifies Best Practices And Says, Let's Use The Purchasing Power Of Medicare And Medicaid To Help To Institutionalize All These Good Things That We Do.” (President Barack Obama, [Presidential Debate](#), Denver, CO, 10/3/12)

- **Obama Has Continually Pushed For Strengthening IPAB.** “The plan calls for strengthening a controversial piece of the health care reform law, and it includes proposals state governments have strongly opposed. It also would require seniors to pay more for certain Medicare benefits, according to a summary of the proposal, which would cut \$248 billion in Medicare funding and \$73 billion to Medicaid and other health programs.” (Sam Baker, “Obama Health Cuts To Spark Fights With States, GOP, Industry Groups,” *The Hill's* [Health Watch](#),” 9/19/11)