

## **REPUBLICANS JUST SAY NO:** **STILL TRYING TO KILL HEALTH REFORM**



***“On the Republican side, it is no, no, no. A party of obstructionism. You have responsible Republicans who had been in the Senate like Howard Baker, Bob Dole, and Bill Frist who say Republicans ought to cooperate. Well, they're not cooperating.”***

*– Sen. Arlen Specter (D-PA), Former Republican Senator, 10/18/09*

As President Obama and Democrats continue to work to bring final health reform legislation forward for a vote in the weeks ahead, Republicans are only focused on killing reform that would help middle-class families by lowering costs, expanding coverage, and providing quality health care choices for all Americans. A news roundup from today shows that Republicans have no intention of being part of the solution. Meanwhile, it's been over 120 days since Republicans said they would contribute to this debate with a comprehensive health reform alternative of their own – and there is still no bill.

### ***Politico: Muddled Messages***

“And that's exactly what the GOP plans to do: chip away, bit by bit, vote by vote, in hopes of killing health reform on the House and Senate floors.”

### ***Roll Call: GOP Launches Strategy to Trip Up Health Bill***

“Senate Republicans, acknowledging they lack the votes to block a health care reform bill outright, have implemented a comprehensive political strategy to delay, define and derail.”

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“Unable to mount a filibuster on their own and calculating that Democrats are on track to send a health care bill to Obama by year's end, Senate Republicans figure the only way to stop or reshape the measure is to give the public enough time to figure out what's in it and what they don't like about it.”

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“The Republicans also plan to use the time between now and a final floor vote to deliver a narrowly focused message via a series of floor speeches, press conferences and media appearances. And even though GOP Members will discuss their counterproposals for health care reform, criticism of the Democratic bill will be the priority.”

### ***Washington Times: GOP Strategy: Steer Key Groups Against Health Plan***

“House Republicans are planning an interest-group strategy to try to stop a health care bill and will spend the next three weeks arguing that the Democrats' measure will be a bad deal for small businesses, senior citizens, and women and children.”