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Issues on Healthcare

Rising Healthcare Costs

- Employers who voluntarily provide healthcare benefits to their employees are not forced to drop coverage because of rising insurance premiums.
- Must offer the millions of uninsured Americans increased access to affordable healthcare coverage by making it easier for small employers to offer more benefits while protecting employers from unlimited lawsuits.

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- One proposal that deserves consideration involves association health plans that allow small business to pool their resources with other small businesses to purchase insurance at a better rate. In turn, the premiums paid by their employers will remain affordable.

Strengthen SCHIP on Behalf of Low –Income Children

- This year some in congress tried to expand the program to include adults, those with private insurance, and illegal immigrants.
- There are 50,000 eligible low-income children for this program who are not covered, yet there are some 700,000 adults around America who are covered under the children's health insurance program.

SCHIP Principles that put Low-Income Children First

- SCHIP must serve eligible low-income children first.
- SCHIP should not force children out of private insurance.
- Funding for this program should be stable.
- Families ineligible for SCHIP should be offered more healthcare choices.

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit

- Medicare Part D is a voluntary program that helps pay the cost of prescription drugs for seniors and those with disabilities.
- Provides Seniors with plentiful choices and lower costs on life-enhancing prescription drugs.
- The overall cost of this program is down thirty percent compared to initial cost estimates, but because of Republican insistence on open competition within the program, Medicare is collecting billions from drug plan sponsors due to lower prescription costs.

Preserving Medicare for Future Generations

- The Medicare program cannot continue to effectively serve future generations of seniors without significant reform right now by...
 1. Helping America's neediest seniors first.
 2. Putting patients before trial lawyers.
 3. Overall strengthen patient care.

Voting Record

- Voted NO on adding 2 to 4 million children to SCHIP eligibility. (Oct 2007)
- Voted NO on requiring negotiated Rx prices for Medicare part D. (Jan 2007)
- Voted YES on denying non-emergency treatment for lack of Medicare co-pay. (Feb 2006)
- Voted YES on limiting medical malpractice lawsuits to \$250,000 damages. (May 2004)
- Voted YES on limited prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients. (Nov 2003)
- Voted NO on allowing reimportation of prescription drugs. (Jul 2003)

Voting Record

- Voted YES on small business associations for buying health insurance. (Jun 2003)
- Voted YES on capping damages & setting time limits in medical lawsuits. (Mar 2003)
- Voted YES on allowing suing HMOs, but under federal rules & limited award. (Aug 2001)
- Voted YES on subsidizing private insurance for Medicare Rx drug coverage. (Jun 2000)
- Voted YES on banning physician-assisted suicide. (Oct 1999)
- Voted YES on establishing tax-exempt Medical Savings Accounts. (Oct 1999)