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### HEALTH CARE

#### AGC Legislative Update: Health Care Bill Passes House

Last night, the House voted **219 to 212** to pass the health care package that has dominated political debate since last year. 34 Democrats joined all Republicans in opposing the measure. The package was the same version that passed the Senate on Christmas Eve and it will immediately be sent to the President for his signature. The House also passed tonight by a vote of **220 to 211** a reconciliation package of amendments to the Senate Health Care bill. These amendments were sent to the Senate for consideration. Within the week the Senate plans to debate and attempt to pass the reconciliation bill to amend the new law.

AGC opposed the \$1 trillion package from the beginning because of the complexity of the plan, the \$500 billion in new taxes on employers and individuals, the new mandates on employers, the cost shifting rather than cost reductions and the likelihood that it will increase insurance costs for those who already have and provide insurance. The version that will today be sent to the President includes language that exempts a single industry, construction, from the small business exemption that was included in the bill. But due to the opposition to the provision and united opposition from AGC and other construction trade associations, there is language to remove the provision in the reconciliation package.

Thank you to the AGC members and chapters from across the country who responded to the multiple calls to action by generating nearly 20,000 letters to Congress, countless phone calls and in person meetings in opposition to the health care reform package. AGC will continue to update you as the reconciliation package moves through the Senate, and how the bill will impact employers in the construction industry.

#### Additional Materials

- AGC is currently working on information you can share with members on the specific provisions of interest to the construction industry and the timeline for these provisions. This information will be sent via execnet later today.

#### Vote Breakdown

- The AGC Web site has been updated and you can view your Representative's vote record on health care and the 111th Congress at [www.agc.org/myrep](http://www.agc.org/myrep)

#### SENATE BILL (HR 3590) PASSED 219-212

34 Democrats and all Republicans voted NO

34 Democrats Voted NO – Adler, Altmire, Arcuri, Barrow, Berry, Boren, Boucher, Bright, Chandler, Childers, Davis (AL), Davis (TN), Edwards (TX), Herseth Sandlin,

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Holden, Kissell, Kratovil, Lipinski, Lynch, Marshall, Matheson, McIntyre, McMahon, Melancon, Minnick, Nye, Peterson, Ross, Shuler, Skelton, Space, Tanner, Taylor, Teague

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## RECONCILIATION BILL (HR 4872) PASSED 220-211

33 Democrats and all Republicans voted NO

33 Democrats Voted NO - Adler, Altmire, Arcuri, Barrow, Berry, Boren, Boucher, Bright, Chandler, Childers, Cooper, Davis (AL), Davis (TN), Edwards (TX), Herseth Sandlin, Holden, Kissell, Kratovil, Marshall, Matheson, McIntyre, McMahon, Melancon, Minnick, Nye, Peterson, Ross, Shuler, Skelton, Space, Tanner, Taylor, Teague [Return to Top](#) ↑

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