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## The Minnesota Free Market Institute Weekly Update Friday, November 6th, 2009

### Senate Moves on Climate Change Bill

The "Kerry-Boxer" bill made its way through the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee yesterday morning despite bipartisan opposition to the bill. The legislation calls for an ambitious 20% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020, a number that will undoubtedly meet tough opposition by Senate Republicans and coal state Democrats. Montana Senator Max Baucus already voiced his displeasure with the number, saying he had "overall concerns" about the effects of a 20% cut. However, Baucus did pledge to work with Senate Democrats to craft future climate change legislation.

Republicans boycotted the senate panel, preventing any amendments to the legislation. Under Senate rules, two Republicans needed to be present to debate and amend the bill. Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar, a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works committee voted for the measure saying she is, "voting to bring this bill out of committee (anyway) because we need a signal to the world that America wants to be a leader" on climate change.

For More Information:

The legislation is S. 1733, information on the legislation can be found [here](#).

Information on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works can be found [here](#).

Amy Klobuchar's Senate website can be found [here](#) - [Email](#)

### Health Care Vote Saturday

Saturday, the House of Representatives will vote on President Obama's top domestic priority, health care. The proposed health care bill (HR 3962 - [text](#)), carries with it a whopping price tag of \$891 billion dollars over the next 10 years, according to a Congressional Budget Office [analysis](#). The 1990 page bill is sure to find stiff opposition by fiscal conservatives on both sides of

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the aisle, but House Democratic leaders insist they have the votes to pass the bill. One Democrat that will be voting against the bill is Minnesota 7th District Congressman, Collin Peterson. In an interview with MinnPost, Peterson said;

"I mean, I have so many problems with this bill I don't even know where to start - too much government bureaucracy, not making the reforms that we need to make in the health care system overall."

"I don't think there's any way that I could support what they're doing unless they start over. That's how bad it is."

Joining Peterson, albeit much more vocally, is Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann. Bachmann was one of the chief organizers behind Thursday's "Super Bowl of Freedom" held at the US Capitol. An estimated [10,000](#) assembled to rally against the health care legislation, with Bachmann leading the charge.

A breakdown of how the rest of Minnesota's delegation will vote can be found [here](#). (courtesy of MinnPost)

## Lord Monckton DVDs are Still Available

We are still taking requests for DVDs of Lord Christopher Monckton's October 14th address in St. Paul. If you are interested, please click [here](#) and fill out the contact form below the video.

## Must Reads

*Reuters* - ["Fast-Growing Coalition Opposing Cap-and-Trade Goes National"](#)

*Politico* - ["Tea partiers descend on Capitol Hill"](#)

*Youtube* - ["Glenn Beck With Lord Monckton and John Bolton On Global Climate Treaty"](#)

*Heritage Foundation* - ["10% Unemployment Shows Objective Failure of Stimulus"](#)

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