Health Reform Act: Let the Arguments Begin

Supporters, opponents prepare for landmark hearing

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WASHINGTON—This week the Supreme Court finally holds oral arguments on the historic health overhaul, a landmark reform legislation. The decisions by the court for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will set the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on a course that will shape the Affordable Care Act. Most likely, the decisions will be handed down at the end of June.

The ACA was initially sold as Obamacare by the opponents of the law. Even President Barack Obama, who once praised the president’s website, my.barackobama.com, are asking the public to say “I like Obamacare.”

The Supreme Court decision will affect 50 million uninsured Americans and likely impact the national elections of 2012. It could become the main issue that determines who occupies the White House and the party that controls Congress. Recognizing the importance of its decision, the court set aside two hours for discussion, which hasn’t done since 1987.

At stake is whether the United States will remain “the only rich country without universal health care,” writes Adam Liptak, New York Times, March 11.

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Zhou Yongkang’s TV Appearances, and Lack Thereof

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A meeting on Friday between Zhou Yongkang and the Indonesian Counterpart has China asking whether the powerful Politburo Standing Committee member is still in the top echelons of the all-powerful Communist Party and the head of the Party organ that controls nearly all layers of law enforcement—the Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee (JLAC).

The TV report seemed to substantiate rumors that took off during the evening of March 23 that he had been placed under house arrest by the political party of Hu Jintao.

However, the following day, March 23, on the same TV program, a man resembling Marry Natalegawa, the Indonesian minister of foreign affairs, was in Beijing. Amid news of Zhou being under house arrest, what are the implications of these rumors? And, if true, what does it mean for the political situation in the country? Both the decision to keep Zhou out of public view on March 22 and to show him in public on March 23 may have been scripted by Hu Jintao and then leaked.

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Accused Trayvon Martin Shooter ‘Not a Racist’ Says Lawyer, Friends

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Over the weekend the attorney for George Zimmerman, the acquitted shooter in the Trayvon Martin case, has come forward and defended his client to the media and by the public, claiming that he didn’t harbor “racist” feelings towards Trayvon Martin, his client’s unarmed black teenager victim.

Friends and family have also come forward to defend Zimmerman, referencing his multi-ethnic background and his work in support of an African-American television alliance. Craig Sonner, a former pros- \on of Zimmerman’s attorney, who has spread to overseas media by Hu Jintao’s political allies.

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Obama Issues Warning to North Korea Over Rocket

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