

Repealing ACA

1. Representative from Houston that is opposed to ACA
 - a. John Colbersun – Rep. in the House –
2. Which committee should it go to?
 - a. Strongly republican so it can go to the floor
 - b. House of Commerce Energy Committee – strongest committee in the House
 - i. Health sub-committee headed by Joe Pitts, he is asst. majority whip so he potentially has access to majority whip. What is a whip? They are the vote counters. They find out what the vote will be before the vote is taken.
 1. Find others who are against the bill. Send a notice to people that will back the bill.
3. Substantive hearing/Mark-up
 - a. Mark-ups not a matter of public input, can play a role but is indirect.
 - b. Hearing Phase/Testimony
4. Post Sub-Committee Changes
 - a. Do we want to make any? Only a one sentence bill
5. House Rules Committee
 - a. Pete Sessions, the chair, sets the calendar, and can keep or kill the bill.
 - b. What kind of rules can this committee come up with? Closed-rule possibly because it limits amendments.
6. Debate on the rules

Senate Process

1. First Reading
2. Second Reading
 - a. If majority vote, it will go straight to the floor, but do we want to skip the committee process? There would be no committee report without a committee
 - b. Committees and sub-committees, and Senator to support the Bill
 - i. Health, commerce,
3. Unanimous Consent Agreements – Senate version of the Rules Committee. Offered by senate majority leader, they can declare open season or limit the It's all numbers.
4. Filibuster - The number is to break a filibuster, to petition for cloture,
5. Cloture – petition requires 16 signatures. Up to 30 hours of debate once cloture has been invoked. Germane amendments must be offered BEFORE cloture is invoked.

House & Senate Agreement

1. Reconciliation – you can avoid a filibuster if it focused on budgetary matters. If recast bill as financial bill, take advantage of the reconciliation process, and favorably inclined financial committees. There are portions of ACA that are not financial: guaranteed ability for 26 year olds to stay on parents insurance. Mismatch on what congress can get done.
2. Conference Committee –

Consideration of the President

Opposing Appeal of ACA, how do you kill the bill? – Next Class

Current Process – weaving around the process.