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Democrats Seek Unity After Health Vote

Senate Democrats sought to paint a picture of unity after they secured 60 votes to begin full debate on health-care legislation, but differences remained over various aspects of the bill.

GAO Stands By Jobs Estimate

The government agency charged with overseeing the economic-stimulus program says it doesn't plan to change its position that the package directly created or saved 640,329.17 jobs through September, despite admissions that the number is not accurate.

Reliance Makes Offer for LyondellBasell

India's Reliance Industries made a nonbinding cash offer to take a controlling state in chemical maker LyondellBasell. The amount of the offer wasn't disclosed.

Eni to Buy Heritage's Ugandan Oil Fields

Italy's ENI is to acquire stakes in two Ugandan oil fields from U.K.-listed Heritage Oil for \$1.3 billion, according to people familiar with the matter.

Hershey Trustees Back Cadbury Bid

The trust that controls Hershey is pushing it to launch a rival \$17 billion bid for Cadbury that would include more cash than Kraft's offer.

AIG Trustee Sought Exit, But Will Remain

One of the three trustees who oversees U.S. taxpayers' nearly 80% stake in AIG recently said he wanted to quit his post, but was persuaded to stay on. Separately, the government is seeking possible candidates to add to the insurer's board.

Nissan Weighs Producing Electric Cars In China

Nissan said it is considering plans to make all-electric cars in Guangzhou, as the Japanese auto maker steps up its electric-vehicle activity in China's fast-growing car market.

SkyTeam Willing to Invest More in JAL

Richard Anderson, chief executive at Delta Air Lines, said the SkyTeam alliance of global carriers would be willing to invest more than \$1.02 billion into ailing Japan Airlines as it tries to cement a trans-Pacific partnership.

Ohio AG Sues Credit Raters

Ohio's attorney general filed suit against ratings agencies Standard Poor's, Moody's and Fitch, alleging they provided misleading ratings in exchange for money.

Lewis to Consider Postponing Retirement

BofA CEO Kenneth Lewis said he would consider postponing his retirement if directors need more time to find a successor or smooth the transition to the next CEO.

TD, Lawyer Sued in Ponzi Case

Investors contend a high-profile Florida attorney orchestrated a claim-sharing fraud with the help of TD bank's U.S. unit and several accomplices.

Dividend Payers Return to the Fore

Stocks with payouts had been trailing their yield-free rivals for most of the year, but are now pulling ahead. And the trend may last.

Regulators Close Florida Bank

Florida regulators closed Commerce Bank of Southwest Florida in the 124th U.S. bank failure.

Morgan Unloads Crescent

Morgan Stanley closed the book on its disastrous \$6.5 billion acquisition of Crescent Real Estate Equities by handing the keys to lender Barclays.

Weak Power Demand Dims Outlook

Electricity sales remained weak in the third quarter, prompting speculation that the sluggishness could persist even after the U.S. economy rebounds.

Vote Moves Health Debate Forward

Democrats and independents closed ranks voting 60-39 to move forward with debate on landmark legislation that would overhaul the nation's health system and extend health insurance to 31 million Americans.

The Henry Ford of Heart Surgery

In India, Devi Shetty's heart hospital offers cutting-edge medical care at a fraction of what it costs elsewhere in the world.



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