

Is health care reform stalled in the Senate?

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Our Washington correspondent, Jerry Filteau filed a report this morning ([Stage set for Senate abortion showdown on health reform](#) [1]) saying that the U.S. bishops were firmly behind the the health care reform amendemnt that Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., proposed yesterday that would more clearly restrict the use of any public funds for abortion in the reform bill before the Senate. Filteau also reported that at least some pundits predicted that passage of the amendment was unlikely.

Now CNN is reporting that whether the Nelson amendment is passed or not, it could stall health care reform in the Senate. Without the amendment, the Democrats could use their filibuster proof majority. With the amendment, Democrats may abandoned the latest draft.

Read the CNN's analysis here: [Abortion again roils health care debate](#) [2]

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