

# **Legislation to Address Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress**

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# 110<sup>th</sup> Health Disparities Agenda

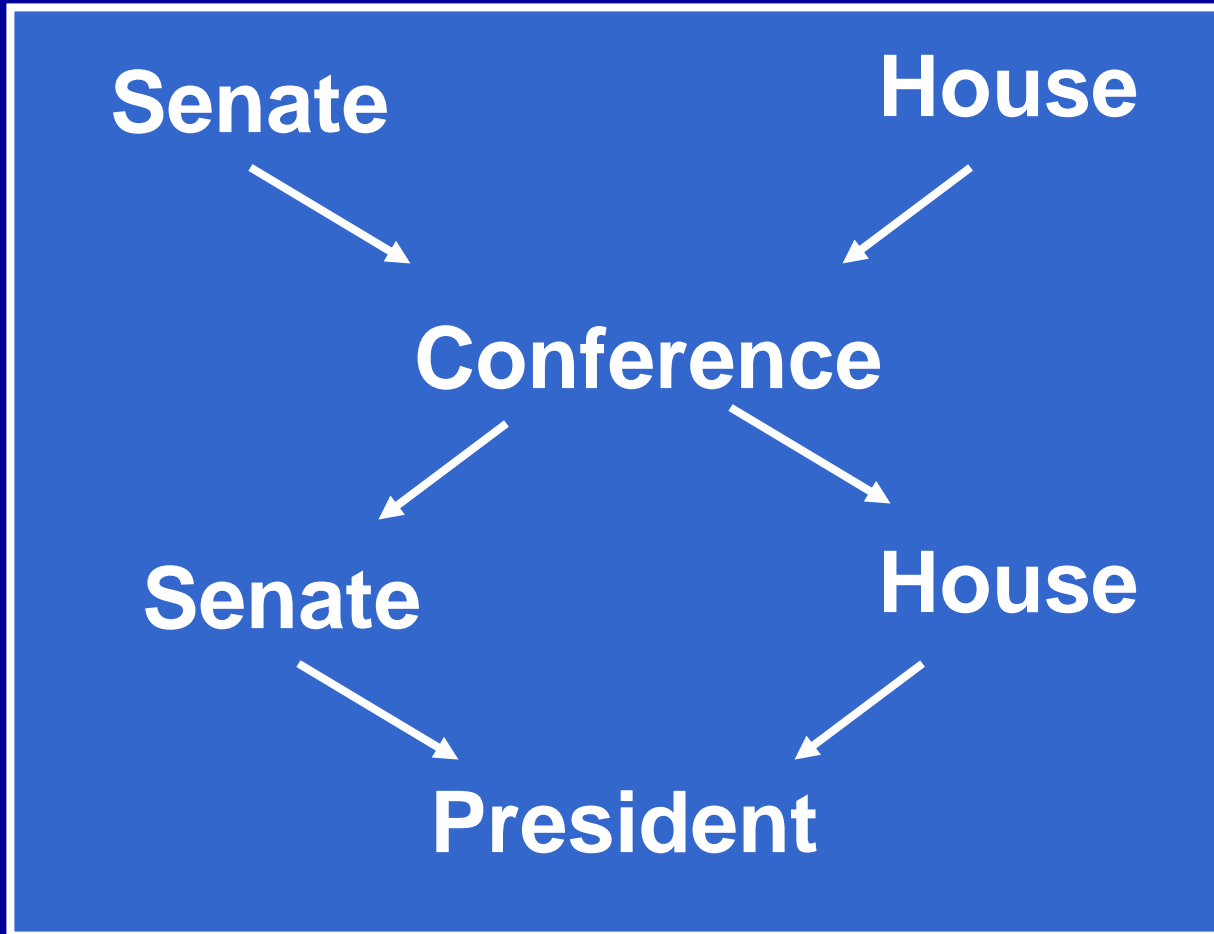


- Political landscape in the Senate
- Congressional minority health and health disparities agenda

# Senate Health Committees

- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee
  - Chairman: Senator Kennedy (MA)
  - Ranking Member: Senator Enzi (WY)
- Finance Committee
  - Chairman: Senator Baucus (MT)
  - Ranking Member: Senator Grassley (IA)

# Legislative Process



# 110<sup>th</sup> Health Disparities Agenda

- Coverage/Access
- Quality- Acute and Chronic Disease Care
- Prevention and Public Health

\*\*Education, environment, economic

# 110th Health Disparities Agenda

## Coverage/Access:

- SCHIP Reauthorization (ICHIA)
- Medicaid/Medicare
- Broader health insurance expansion bills
  - Health Partnership Act (Bingaman)
  - Healthy Americans Act (Wyden)
  - Universal Health Care Choice and Access Act (Coburn)

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## Healthcare Quality:

- Finance
  - Hospital quality reporting/P4P
  - Comparative effectiveness
  - Medicare Part B initiatives
  - Medical Home
- HELP
  - CHC reauthorization
  - Health IT (Wired)
  - RadCARE

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## Prevention and Public Health:

- Cross-cutting legislation
  - Healthy Communities Act, Healthy Places Act
  - Healthy America Act
  - FDA Regulation of Tobacco
- Disease specific bills
  - Lead Poisoning, Obesity, RWCA\*, PEPFAR\*



# 110<sup>th</sup> Minority Health

## *Minority Health Improvement and Health Disparity Elimination Act (S. 1576)*

- Education & Training
- Care & Coverage
- Research
- Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting
- Leadership, Collaboration and National Strategic Action Plan



# POLITICS

What bills will pass in 2008?