

## S 266

### Medicare Prescription Drug Gap Reduction Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jan 15, 2009)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 15, 2009
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 15, 2009
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jan 15, 2009
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 15, 2009
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 15, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 15, 2009
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Mar 16, 2009
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Apr 2, 2009
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 29, 2009
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 13, 2009
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Aug 6, 2009
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		May 17, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 15, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Medicare Prescription Drug Gap Reduction Act of 2009 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to reduce the coverage gap in prescription drug coverage under SSA part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program), based on savings to the Medicare program resulting from the negotiation of prescription drug prices.

Grants the Secretary of Health and Human Services authority similar to that of other federal entities that purchase prescription drugs in bulk to negotiate contracts with manufacturers of covered part D drugs.

States that the Secretary shall be required to: (1) negotiate contracts with manufacturers of covered part D drugs for each fallback prescription drug plan; and (2) participate in negotiation of contracts of any covered part D drug upon request of an approved prescription drug plan or Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan.

Prohibits the Secretary from requiring a particular formulary or instituting a price structure for the reimbursement of covered part D drugs in order to carry out, and promote competition, under part D.

### **Actions Timeline**

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