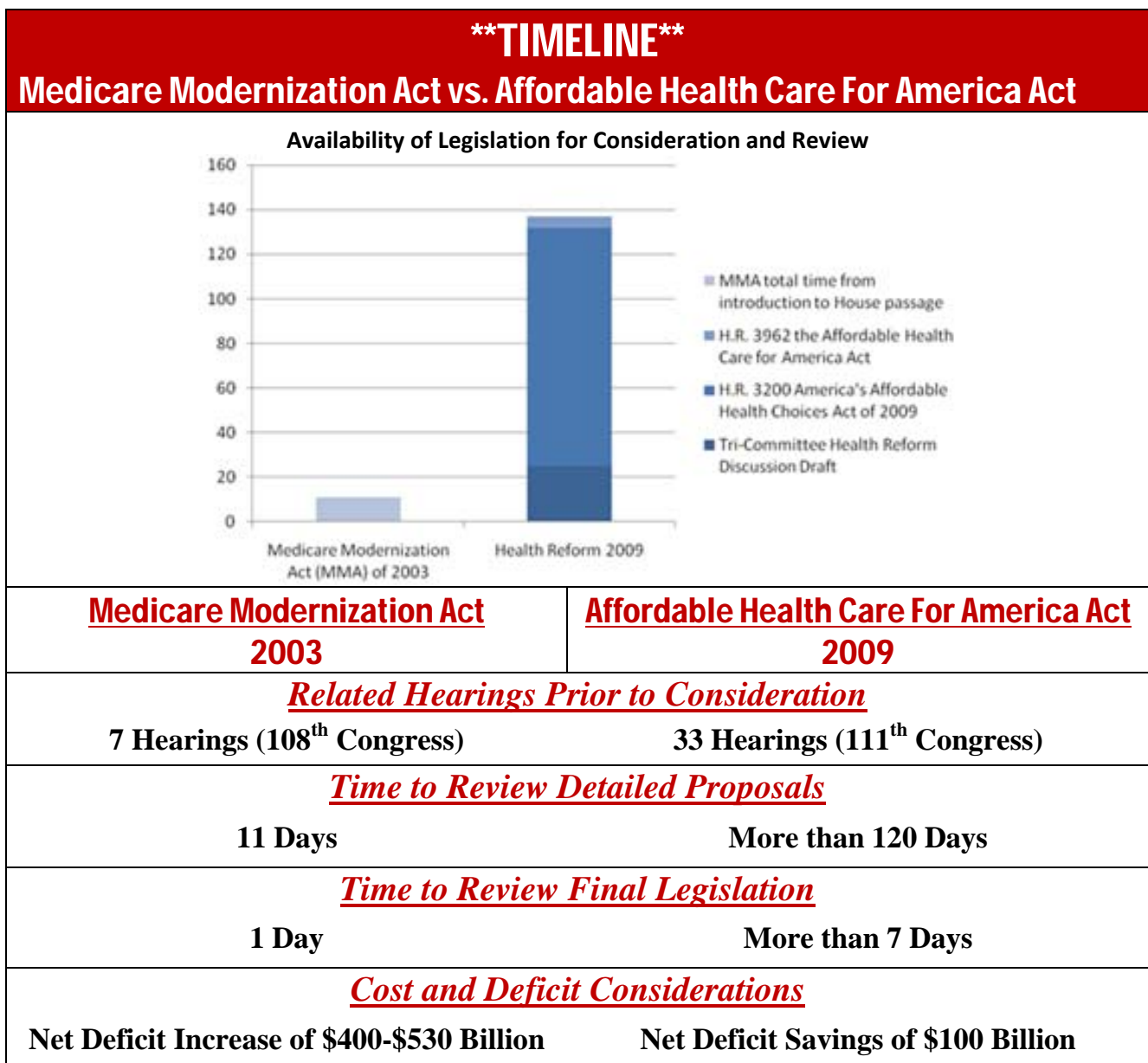


DEMOCRATS PROMOTE FAIR & OPEN PROCESS ON HEALTH REFORM

While Democrats Employ an Open, Deliberative Process on Health Reform, GOP Record Shows Rushed Timeline on Massive Medicare Overhaul

In 2003, the Republican Majority passed the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 authorizing a massive overhaul of the Medicare program – arguably the single most important legislative proposal considered in the 108th Congress and the largest change to Medicare in its history. The original House bill was first introduced on June 16th, rushed through committees, and was brought to the Floor for a vote a scant 11 days later. The conference report was introduced, debated and voted on in little more than a day. Both the vote on the original House bill and the conference report required martial law consideration with little notice for the public and Democrats to review and understand the ramifications of this expensive and complicated legislation. The Republican record cannot compare to the open, transparent process that Democrats have employed throughout the current debate on health reform.



Timeline: Republican Majority Rushed Major Medicare Overhaul

TIMELINE: HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF THE 2003 MEDICARE MODERNIZATION ACT

11 Days – Time between the Republican Majority’s introduction and vote on MMA

June 16, 2003 – Legislation introduced and referred to committees

June 17, 2003 – Ways & Means Mark-up

June 19, 2003 – Energy & Commerce Mark-up

June 25, 2003 – Final legislation introduced

June 26, 2003 – Considered on House Floor

6:20 a.m. – Martial law rule adopted

6:55 p.m. – General debate began

June 27, 2003 – 2:32 a.m. – Bill passed 216-215, after a 50 minute vote

TIMELINE: HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF THE MMA CONFERENCE REPORT

28 Hours, 22 Minutes – Time between filed report and vote on MMA Conference Report

November 21, 2003

1:17 a.m. – Conference report is filed

3:41 p.m. – Martial law rule adopted

11:36 p.m. – General debate began

November 22, 2003

2:39 a.m. – Vote on final passage began

5:50 a.m. – Bill passed 220-215, after a 3 hour and 20 minute vote