

THE NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL

MONTHLY UPDATE



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Baucus Hosts Several NEC Board Members to Discuss Healthcare

On September 10, 2009, one day after the President's address to a joint session of Congress on healthcare, seven members of the New England Council Board of Directors had the extraordinary opportunity to meet privately with Senate Finance Committee Chairman, Montana Senator Max Baucus in a meeting arranged by the Council that lasted over an hour. These senior health care executives engaged the chairman in a wide-ranging discussion about the substance and the politics surrounding the health care bills currently being considered by the Congress as well as the particular needs of those doing business in New England.

Baucus noted that the meeting was taking place in the very room where the so-called "Gang of Six", the three Democrats and three Republicans from the Finance Committee, had been meeting for months to try and develop a bipartisan bill.



Pictured above, left to right are: Brent Schafer, Philips Healthcare; Eric Shultz, Fallon Community Health Plan; Dr. Jim Mongan, Partners Healthcare; Bruce Bullen, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care; Senator Baucus; Cleve Killingsworth, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts; Helen Sayles, Liberty Mutual; Dr. Tom Colacchio, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and Tom Holt of K&L Gates.

According to press reports, Chairman Baucus has been receiving as many as 40 requests a week to meet with business leaders and others with an interest in the health care bill. The vast majority of those requests had to be denied. It's a measure of the respect that our organization and our members enjoy on Capitol Hill that our request for this meeting was accepted.

Other Recent NEC Events hosted

RI Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (left) and MA Congressman Jim McGovern



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009

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