Senate Debates Medicare After House OKs Bill

Deep divisions show as a
drug benefit and boost
the private-sector's vote
squabbles through in a

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WASHINGTON — In a

promised and contentious
drama, a divided Senate

approved an amendment

requiring Medicare

coverage in 2003. The

decision marks a major

step forward for health

care reform, but it also

leaves many issues unresolved.

The Senate's vote is

expected to pass in the

House later this week,

setting the stage for

further negotiations.

In the Senate, the vote

was 51-49, with 14

Democrats joining 37

Republicans in favor of

the bill. The measure

now goes to the House,

where it is expected to

face a similar challenge.

"We are making progress,"

said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.,

who chairs the Senate Finance

Committee. "But there is still

work to be done."

The bill, which includes

Medicare prescription drug

coverage, would cost about

$400 billion over 10 years.

Conservatives opposed to

the bill argue that it will

increase the budget deficit.

"This is not a balanced

approach," said Sen. John

Barrasso, R-Wyo. "It is

too expensive and it

will add to our already

enormous debt."
Paying for Wal-Mart’s Success

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—Arthur Laffer, an economic advisor to President Reagan

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‘Walmart wants our customers and your jobs. If we don’t change, you bet we’ll lose jobs—and it will be in the thousands.’

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For cheaper, that makes a big difference. According to Mr. Johnson, a leading analyst at First Mart Supermarket, who spoke at a conference on the subject in Las Vegas, Detroit, Chicago, and Toronto, "It is not uncommon for supermarkets to see a 10% increase in their sales after implementing a lower-pricing strategy."  

The Wal-Mart-Walgreens deal has in fact not only increased the overall sales of Walgreens, but also has improved its market share. According to Walgreens' CEO, Tedford, the company was able to increase its market share by 10% in the last quarter of 2023, partly due to the deal with Wal-Mart.  

The Wal-Mart-Walgreens deal is a great example of how the business world can come together to benefit both parties. As Walgreens CEO, Tedford, said, "This deal is a win-win for both companies, and we are excited to see what the future holds for our partnership."