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**HELP Democrats' Bill Forces Insurance Companies  
to Contract with Abortion Providers**

**Washington, D.C.** – Democrats on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee today added a provision to the Kennedy health care bill that would require health insurance companies to contract with entities that perform abortions.

“We can’t in good conscience force insurance companies to pay for abortions,” said Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), Ranking Member of the HELP Committee.

The Mikulski amendment, which Democrats approved over Republican objections, would require health insurance companies to contract with organizations like Planned Parenthood. Supporters of the amendment confirmed that this could require insurance companies to cover abortion services.

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