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Subject: Re: America's Healthcare "Reform" Bill  
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Spoony wrote on Mon, 22 March 2010 06:13forgive my ignorance on this particular subject, but why's it taken so long? haven't the democrats had a house majority as well as the presidency?

They've had a majority in both houses. However, they were making the mistake of trying to pass their bill through normal legislative means, which requires a 60-40 majority to get anything done if the minority party decides to be difficult and filibuster. After they lost their 60-40 senate majority after Ted Kennedy's death, they turned a process called reconciliation which doesn't allow filibustering and only requires a 51-49 majority to get the bill through. It's less-than-honest, but they can't say they didn't try, and Republicans didn't leave them with much choice.

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