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This time next year, the 2014 mid-term election will be history.

While it's the off year for a U.S. Presidential vote, next year's election will likely be a big one even so. Will Democrats

continue to control the U.S. Senate?? That seems to be something people are looking at, and how the roll-out of Obamacare will play into it all.

For the past week, the news has been flooded with reports of worried Democratic U.S. Senators who are up for re-election. Fifteen of those senators were at the White House last week, meeting with the president reportedly with concerns about the millions of Americans who are losing their health care policies. New policies are being offered, but they are coming with much higher premiums, deductibles and out-of-pocket expenses.

These senators, and all of their counterparts for sure, are hearing from their constituents who are upset at losing their health insurance, and those people vote.

Nancy Pelosi's statement that "We have to pass the law so that you can find out what's in it" is coming home to roost.

Along with the rest of us, these senators are finally learning what is in the 2,300-plus page bill. I wonder if any of them read it, including our own former Nebraska Sen. Ben Nelson before voting for it. They are the ones who are supposed to know what's in it, and not just pass something along party lines like happens too much in Washington.

And, that goes for the Republicans, too.

Unfortunately, the panic these senators are feeling is only panic because their re-elections are at stake.

Where is the panic for those Americans who lost their insurance and now have to wade through policy plans that often do not give them "apples to apples" comparisons, and many who can't even sign up for Obamacare if they wanted to because the computer program is still having problems?

Now, according to growing comments, the whole scheme in Obama-care may have had this scenario all along—that people in the individual markets had to lose the health insurance policies they had (and liked) in order for Obamacare to work.

Reports vary, but as many as five million people have been tossed off the policies they had. In a little over a year, those of us who have insurance through our employers may be in the same boat.

Those individuals and families right now who've lost their insurance may only be a small percentage of those who have health insurance, but it's still five million people!

Those folks are evidently pretty important right now to those U.S. Senators in panic mode about their re-election prospects next year.

Just watch, these senators will start distancing themselves further and further from the president and the health care law. Unfortunately, the real reason for that is due to their own re-election worries instead of the reason they should be concerned—because people in this country are losing their insurance, many of them who have been responsibly paying for insurance all along.

Is it any wonder why the opinion of politicians in Washington has dropped to an all-time low? A half-hearted apology from the President doesn't cut it.

