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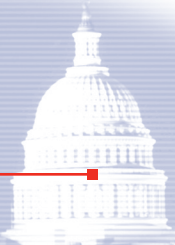
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HR4194 A bill to establish a grant to increase enforcement of laws to prohibit underage drinking through social sources, to improve reporting of Federal underage drinking data, to establish grants to increase parental involvement in school-based efforts to reduce underage drinking, and for other purposes.

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Tuesday, November 20

7:40 a.m. — Good morning.

The **State Children's Health Insurance Program**, as you know, is due for renewal this year. And while there is no doubt that the program will be renewed, the terms remain in dispute.

President Bush vetoed the first attempt at reauthorization (H.R. 976), and the second measure (H.R. 3963) appears headed for the same fate. This CRS report compares the two bills. Negotiations in search of a compromise continue to move slowly. In the meantime, here is a



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