



# Broker Bulletin

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## Argument Over Single Payer Bill Intensifies

The Senate Finance Committee heard 90 minutes of testimony on Friday from all sides of the controversial single payer bill - including insurance brokers, businesses, lobbyists and single-payer advocates. The written testimonies from about a dozen participants provided proposed amendments to the bill.

With the bill scheduled to hit the Senate floor this week, Friday's meeting was a last attempt for opponents and supporters to have their voices heard.

A great article published today on VTDigger.org provides a detailed recap of Friday's "tug-of-war" meeting, along with a look back at the evolution of bill H202, an overview of Green Mountain Care and feedback from both sides of the issue.

VTDigger.org is a statewide news Web site dedicated to coverage of Vermont politics, consumer affairs, business and public policy.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.

## MVP Provides Testimony at Senate Finance Hearing

Bill Little, MVP's Vice President of Vermont, spoke at Friday's Senate Finance Committee meeting voicing concern over several essential unanswered questions. His testimony was featured in a Valley News article over the weekend.

"Little said his company, one of only three insurers who operate in the state, can't support the bill as written and said there are too many "unanswered fundamental questions," ranging from what happens to Vermonters who get care outside of the state to whether self-insured plans will have to pay a payroll tax to finance the system even if they keep their own employer health plans.

Little also questioned the administrative cost savings that Shumlin hopes to derive, noting that 20,000 college students in Vermont whose parents live elsewhere, and thousands of tourists needing medical care while in Vermont, would still require private insurance transactions from Vermont providers."

To read the complete article, click [here](#).