Disagreement bubbles up over soda-tax revenues

By DANIEL BEERMAN

Some of the Central American migrants making their way to the U.S. in a large caravan along the truck of drivers who offered them free rides to Tijuana, Mexico, are hoping to apply for asylum in the Guatemalan-Mexico border, about 3,000 people from Central America crossed their travels toward the U.S. Meanwhile, President Donald Trump vowed to send aid to Central America.

Some cities are asking their residents to fund new programs that would be used to support high-quality health insurance plans.

Proposal would let states offer skimmer health insurance plans

By RONALD LEWIS Los Angeles Times (TNS)

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration Monday took a step toward breaking the logjam on health legislation when it proposed a plan that doesn’t have the support of most congressional Republicans but that could generate more votes in the Senate.

Administration officials believe the move is a step toward a compromise that could clear the way for a major overhaul of the Affordable Care Act.

The plan is another example of how the Trump administration has been able to make progress on big-ticket legislation in the last few weeks.

The government would provide states with more money to cover uninsured people who have no employer-based coverage. The plan also would allow states to sell insurance plans that do not meet the Affordable Care Act’s regulations.

The proposal is part of a broader effort by the Trump administration to put forward a series of proposals on health care, immigration, tax reform and other issues.

The plan was announced Monday at a meeting of the National Governors Association, where governors from states with high uninsured rates are meeting to discuss how to make their states more competitive in the marketplace.

The governor of Oregon, Kate Brown, said in her opening remarks that the country is at a turning point in terms of the need for health care reform.

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