U.S. Supreme Court Begins Health Care Reform Arguments

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The U.S. Supreme Court will hear three days of arguments starting March 26 challenging the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. health care reform, The New York Times reports. The main debate is over the law's requirement that most Americans have health insurance or pay a penalty. Opponents are relying on an 1867 federal law called the Anti-Injunction Act, which says that people who object to taxes must pay first and litigate later. Congress says the required payment is a penalty rather than a tax and the 1867 law is irrelevant in regard to the government's taxing power. President Obama's administration wants a prompt ruling on the health care law and believes the 1867 law should not stand in the way.

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