Senate committee rejects public option

On September 29, 2009 the Senate Finance committee considered the public insurance option and rejected it. It became breaking news for The Washington Post.

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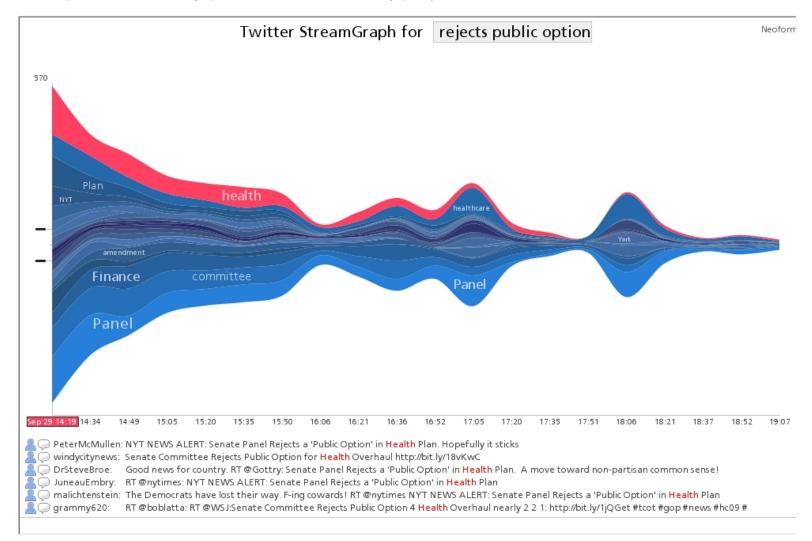
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The Senate Finance Committee voted twice Tuesday against the creation of a new government-run health insurance plan. The panel rejected a proposal from Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV (D-W.Va.) on a 15 to 8 vote, then voted down one sponsored by Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) on a 13 to 10 vote.

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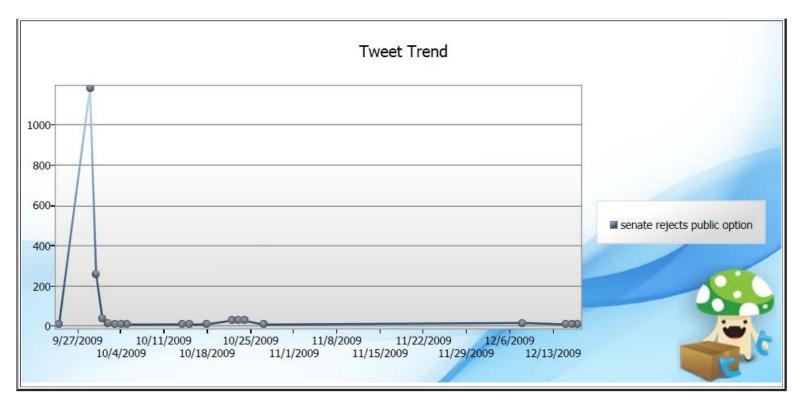
The Archivist search for "senate rejects public option" began 10:00 p.m. on September 29, and the initial search found 1087 micro messages. The first was at 10:47 a.m. beating the Post by five hours.

At 10:00 p.m. the twitter streamgraph looks like the stream is fading quickly.



That is 14:00 p.m. to 19:00 to produce 1,000 micro messages.

The stream died very quickly as the figure below shows.



A big surge and then nothing. I could have stopped the search much earlier, but I was not certain it would not return.

The final count was 1562.

The data files are <u>senate rejects public option.xml</u> and <u>senate rejects public option.txt</u>, which is a tab delimited file that can be read by Excel.

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