

'Act Now!': Measures To Solve the Crisis

Everyone knows that the U.S. health-care system is in urgent need of reform. The fight is over whether the crisis should be “solved” to the benefit of Wall Street and the HMOs, or for the general welfare. And if the latter option is to be achieved, more is needed than tinkering with the health-care sector itself; it requires a global financial reorganization, a transformation of the way we think about our economy and ourselves. Here is a summary of the LaRouche Political Action Committee’s proposed measures.

1. **U.S. financial reorganization.** Congress must pass LaRouche’s Homeowners and Bank Protection Act of 2007 (see www.larouchepac.com). This would place Federal and state chartered banks under bankruptcy protection, and freeze existing home mortgages until they can

be adjusted to fair prices. All speculative debt obligations, such as derivatives and mortgage-backed securities, will be written off.

2. **Global financial reorganization.** The world’s four principal powers, the United States, Russia, China, and India, must meet to map out a New Bretton Woods system. This will be a *credit* system, as understood by the first U.S. Treasury Secretary, Alexander Hamilton—not a *monetary* system. Other nations that wish to join will be welcome in the next phase.
3. **Reconstruction of the physical economy.** Repeal the U.S. 1973 law that allowed the creation of the HMOs, and return to the Hill-Burton Act’s mandated standards for per-capita medical facilities. Retool the bankrupt auto industry, especially its machine-tool core, for production of vital infrastructure such as high-speed rail (maglev), water management, and power. Nuclear power is indispensable, including to solve the problem of water scarcity in many parts of the world, by means of nuclear desalination.