The road to a bailout

Size of proposed or announced bailout

Nov. 18-19: U.S. auto executives ask Congress to pass a **\$25 billion** aid package. They are lambasted for arriving in Washington in private jets, and a Senate vote on the matter is scrapped.

Dec. 2: Auto executives plead for a second time, increasing their request to **\$34 billion** in loans. Instead of jets, they drive to Washington in fuel-efficient cars.

Dec. 6: Democrats approve a \$14 billion bailout package. Dec. 10: The House approves the bill.

Dec. 11: The

rejects it.

Friday:
President
Bush approves
\$17.4 billion in
loans for the
auto industry.

November

December

THE PACKAGE

STIPULATIONS FOR THE COMPANIES

\$13.4 billion to GM*

- **Deadline:** Must prove that they are financially viable by March 31 or they will be forced to pay back the loans.
- Labor: Must eliminate the job bank and make wages competitive with foreign automakers.
- **Debt:** Must swap two-thirds of debt for equity.

- **Stock:** Must provide the government with warrants to buy stock at a specific price.
- Accounting: Must allow the government to inspect their books and records.
- Perks: Must limit executive compensation and get rid of perks such as corporate jets.

^{*\$9.4} billion released over this month and next month and the remaining \$4 billion to be released at a later date SOURCES: Tribune reporting, the White House