

Friday, December 24

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** The U.S. Senate passed a historic \$871bn health care reform bill, a welcome victory for President Obama on his top domestic priority

1865: The Ku Klux Klan was formed in Pulaski, Tennessee

1914: Britain suffered its first ever air raid when a German monoplane dropped a single bomb on Dover

1951: Libya declared its independence and proclaimed a monarchy under King Idriss I

2009: Greece approved emergency cuts in government spending in an attempt to reduce the country's massive 300bn-euro budget deficit