

Chairman's Report
The Health Care Battle
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If you think you are getting a lot of these "chairman's reports", consider how much we see Obama (daily, ad nauseum) setting his radical agenda for America . It's almost like we can't keep up; it's like swatting flies at a dairy farm! So, another danger is outlined below including a possible solution offered by a small America conservative.

The Problem

The immediate problem facing us as American citizens, right this very minute, is the attempt by the Democrats to grab another 15% of America's economy by nationalizing health care on the feel good promise of 'fairness' to all. The Democrats claim that 46 million (more or less) of American's do not have health care because they either cannot afford the insurance or they do not work for a company that does. They want to force companies to provide health care insurance or, in lieu of that, pay the federal government a fee to provide the health care. Employers of smaller companies would not be able to compete with the government and would, in the end, throw all their health care plans into the governments lap thus socializing our health care system by stealth and default.

The 46 million figures of course is a lie. The percentage of people without health care is really less than 12% of the population with many of them voluntarily out of any plan simply because they are of an age where they feel they don't really need or want it. Many of them do have catastrophic insurance however. Another segment of those without health care insurance are the illegal's who go to hospital emergency rooms for every malady large or small where they are treated and walk away without contributing anything to the costs of providing that treatment. The tax payers are stuck with the bill which is why a patient in hospital is charged \$10.00 for a Tylenol pill.

A Proposed Solution, the Cost Issue

As a conservative, I have pondered this problem with my friends and one of them, a really deep thinker, has offered his solution which I shall lay out here in the simplest terms I can. The objective is health care for all including illegal's. **But how do we pay for it?** Perhaps, my friend say's, by a 3% federal sales tax on all final purchases at the final point of sale! This avoids a Value Added Tax which is a government robbery scheme destructive to family budgets. Now the trick here is to collect this money without Congress getting its grubby hands on the funds like they have done with Social Security and Medicare and paying out those programs with IOU's.

The precedent has already been established with such organizations as the Congressional Budget Office, the Federal Reserve Bank, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, to have an independent third party agency collect the funds and protect them from the

greedy hands of politicians. An oversight committee with audit powers would be essential.

So, the mechanics of the plan are this: Every citizen would have to apply for a health care number from the 3rd party agency for their private insurance carrier. Children would fall under a family number for purposes of care payment until they come of age. He or she could then go to any doctor or medical facility they wanted to, pay a \$25. Co-pay for the visit and receive their treatment. They can not be refused so pre-existing conditions would not apply. Insurance companies also would forfeit the right to limit treatments. The insurance companies receive their payments as monthly premiums from the 3rd party agency on a steady, monthly basis so the funds keep moving.

To be profitable, in the best traditions of American Capitalism, the insurance companies can themselves invest the premiums in other enterprises or the stock market or whatever. To avoid cost rises, treatments would be universally coded, as they are now, and congress must put a cap on medical malpractice awards.

The advantages: The citizen now has truly affordable insurance that covers everything. The payment system is simplified. Health insurance coverage is no longer dependent on one's employment and therefore it is, in a word, transferable. Businesses are relieved of the accounting burdens associated with providing health care to employees, costs are easily controllable, there are no deductibles and premiums would be fixed for each enrollee regardless of age. And, best of all, everybody pays.

The author of this idea has asked for feedback.

By the way, as you now know Obama envisions himself as President forever. In his mind he is the messiah come to save us and can't do it in two terms (if he gets that far). Others in history have thought of themselves the same way, like the Czar's of early Russia, a term we have apparently adopted to identify certain powerful appointees as controllers of our daily lives. Obama wants to be the Czar. Therefore, all these other people he is introducing to us such as a car czar, drug czar, intelligence czars, etc., etc. aren't really czars at all. Let's call them for what they really are: "**Commissars**." I rather like the term and it fits perfectly.

Examining exactly how Obama operates is revealing. Hiding behind issues enshrouded by the ideals of "fairness", Obama has actually strong armed the banks and two car companies to seize de facto control and given an inappropriate level of control to one of the groups responsible for our problems, organized labor. I am starting to re-think my opinion about Obama. He isn't a dyed-in-the-wool Marxist at all. He's a Chicago hoodlum.

Enjoy the weekend

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