

And the point I was making is if the Senate bill is passed into law, won't he have accomplished that purpose? And my contention is absolutely he will have what he wants. They'll put in place the mechanism for the Federal Government to take over the health care system to socialize medicine in this country.

The Socialist Party in the 1930s said the fastest way to take away our liberty and go from a free market economy to become a socialist nation for us to lose our freedom is for the government to take over the health care system.

And so the President will have what he wants when that bill is deemed passed by the Slaughter rule or the Slaughter House rule.

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Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. We are getting very close, probably within 5 or 6 minutes of the end of our time.

I really appreciate, Madam Speaker, the gentleman from Iowa looking up some of the lyrics of "Rainbow Stew," because, Madam Speaker, if this bill passes, this "deem and scheme" passage of this bill, if it passes, I'm sure the Democratic majority is going to think that they are drinking free bubble-ubb and eating that rainbow stew.

Well, I guarantee you, Madam Speaker, we referred to my mother a little earlier in the hour, and my mom knows what kind of stew they are going to be eating. And I would also suggest, Madam Speaker, that they're not going to be drinking free bubble-ubb. They're going to be drinking Jim Jones Kool-Aid. This is a toxic stew and a bad drink not only for Members of Congress and members of the Democratic majority who vote "yes" on this abomination, but it is horrible for the American people.

Madam Speaker, this is not a Slaughter House. No. This is the people's House, and that's what the gentleman from Iowa was talking about.

I want to yield a little bit more time to the gentlemen from Pennsylvania, and we have just a few minutes left, and let the gentleman from Iowa conclude.

I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. I just wanted to follow up with a little feedback that goes well beyond this Chamber.

Certainly we know that if ObamaCare passes, we won't start to see the benefits in any way, and I happen to believe they're not benefits until 2013, 2014. Outside feedback. What's happening out in the country beyond this Capitol Hill?

There are three States that have already—Virginia, Idaho, and Utah have already passed laws to nullify ObamaCare's mandate that everyone purchase health insurance. Other States are following suit.

Arizona has a referendum on the ballot for November saying "no" to a

mandate that every American should have to be required to purchase health insurance; "no" to the fact that an IRS agent can come evaluate whether you have or have not purchased that and then fine you or tax you.

Virginia's attorney general has already threatened legal action against the deeming process that is being used and touted and so discussed in this process.

Washington has no idea now how to deal with Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, and now we are creating a new entitlement that will accelerate, frankly, our path to ruin.

I want to share one quick feedback from a gentleman, a businessman. He and his dad have a business in Port Allegany, Pennsylvania. They make a product they are just so proud of. It helps with the car industry, and they do a great job, and they want to expand. They want to hire new individuals. They want to create prosperity. They want to grow. But, in fact, what has happened is that so much uncertainty has been created with this health care that they can't do that. They compete with China. They compete with South America. And now they can't compete because of this uncertainty.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. The gentleman from Pennsylvania is absolutely right. In fact, I think the State of Virginia, the legislature just voted to say, We are not going to require, under the penalty of law, our people to have health insurance. We want them to have health insurance.

I thank the gentleman for pointing out the fact that this expansion of Medicaid is crippling States, not only the State of Pennsylvania, rural hospitals as he pointed out, inner city hospitals that are serving the most needy, but in my State of Georgia, our Governor is struggling, is struggling to find ways to pay for this expanded Medicaid and has just announced that it's possible that the reimbursement to the hospitals in Georgia, the rural hospitals, all the hospitals, indeed, and the providers in Georgia, will be cut 10 percent Medicaid reimbursement. The gentleman has already talked about the reimbursement is 60 cents on the dollar.

I want to yield back, Madam Speaker, to the gentleman from Iowa to conclude, and I yield to him at this time.

Mr. KING of Iowa. I thank the gentleman. I'll just try to close one point here in this narrow window that we have, and I know that it's narrow, and that is this: This bill does fund abortion. And ever since 1973, the argument has been made by people on this side of the aisle, women and men both, consistently and relentlessly, that the Federal Government has no business telling a woman what she can or can't do with her body. But today, the same people are saying the Federal Government has every right to tell everybody in America what they can or can't do with their body, and they don't see the

hypocrisy in it. They don't see the conflict or the lack of rationale. You can't be right both times. You can't say one thing for two generations and then just flip and decide that, well, it's convenient now to expand the dependency class, so now we're going to use the logic that the Federal Government has the right.

The Federal Government does not have the right to take over our health care. There is no constitutional foundation. There is no constitutional authority. It's a violation of the equal protection clause. It's a violation of the commerce clause in the Constitution. There is no authority.

The American people have rejected it. And now what we have is a situation where we have the arrogance of power of people that have not heard yet from the American people. We need this. The center of America has decided they want to protect their freedom, their liberty, and their own health insurance policies. We just need to have an election to reset the Congress so that Congress reflects the will of the American people. Until then, we're going to stand and do battle until we can have a Congress that reflects the will of the American people.

And I point out again, this is a bill that takes away liberty, has no constitutional foundation. It funds abortion and it funds illegals to the tune of 6.1 million according to the Senate version of the bill and the Congressional Budget Office. And so I would just take it to this point. I know we are down very close to the wire, and I thank the gentlemen I have joined.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. CUMMINGS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today after 4:30 p.m. on account of official business in the district.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. BERKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. LEE of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BALDWIN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. McCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATSON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. TSONGAS, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. SPEIER, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. CHU, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mrs. DAVIS of California, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, March 20 and 21.

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, March 20, 21, and 25.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, March 20, 21, and 25.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, March 20, 21, and 25.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, March 23, 24, and 25.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. RICHARDSON, for 5 minutes, today.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on March 17, 2010 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 2847. Making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1789. An act to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing; to the Committee on the Judiciary; in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 2865. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 19, 2010, at 9 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-Authorized Official Travel during the first quarter of 2010 pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO HAITI, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED ON FEB. 12, 2010

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Nancy Pelosi	2/12	2/12	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. John Conyers, Jr.	2/12	2/12	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. Charles B. Rangel	2/12	2/12	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. James L. Oberstar	2/12	2/12	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. Earl Blumenauer	2/12	2/12	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. Sheila Jackson Lee	2/12	2/12	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. Donna M. Christensen	2/12	2/12	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. Wilson Livingood	2/12	2/12	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Wyndell Parker	2/12	2/12	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Jonathan Stivers	2/12	2/12	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Dew Hammill	2/12	2/12	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Committee total											

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.

HON. NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House, Mar. 5, 2010.

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	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott	2/19	2/19	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. Michael C. Burgess	2/19	2/19	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. Dennis J. Kucinich	2/19	2/19	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. Michael E. Capuano	2/19	2/19	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. Gwen Moore	2/19	2/19	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Stacee Bako	2/19	2/19	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Bobby Vassar	2/19	2/19	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Robyn Wapner	2/19	2/19	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
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Hon. Zoe Lofgren	3/05	3/05	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. David Dreier	3/05	3/05	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. Eliot L. Engel	3/05	3/05	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. Donald M. Payne	3/05	3/05	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. David E. Price	3/05	3/05	Haiti		\$0			(3)			
Hon. Janice D. Schakowsky	3/05	3/05	Haiti		\$0			(3)			