

Opinion: "Slaughter Rule" Slaughters YOUR Health Privacy and Liberty
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Congresswoman Slaughter (D-NY) proposed a devious rule to force the Senate healthcare bill through the House *without a vote on the actual Senate bill*. This would mean the cowardly Democrats can hide behind yet another face-saving lie to the American people: "We didn't actually vote on the Senate bill....just the Slaughter Rule." Do they *really* think the American people are that stupid?

Beyond being a despicable and disgusting abuse of power, the "Slaughter Rule" is aptly named: it *slaughters your rights under the Constitution, your medical privacy, your ability to decide your own health insurance coverage, your choice of treatment options, and your right to decide whether you fund abortion services with your tax dollars*. How can one made-up "rule" do so much damage?

Simple: the Slaughter deception allows for the Senate bill to be "deemed" to have passed the House so it can go to the President's desk to be signed into law. Once the Senate bill becomes law, and is *added to* the healthcare legislation hidden in the Stimulus Bill, the federal government has control of every aspect of your personal healthcare decisions and control of your personal medical information in the federal electronic database. That includes such medical questions as sexual behavior, gun ownership, drug use, and others.

How? The 2009 Stimulus Bill put into law as of 2014 a national medical database of electronic medical records and provided for creation of a government panel to decide your medical treatment options based on "comparative effectiveness" and cost effectiveness.

These terms really mean that you and a doctor *selected for you* have *no control* over what treatment you are allowed to have or the privacy of your personal medical information. The Stimulus Bill requires your doctor to send medical notes at every office visit directly to the federal database in Washington. A government-appointed panel decides what treatment options you will be allowed to have, based on your age and your value to society, as described in Ezekiel Emanuel's "complete lives system," in which he says medical services should be "attenuated" (i.e. rationed or denied) for the very young and those over 55.

Democrats vociferously deny all of this. They lie. These requirements are written clearly in their own bills! Democrats may not have read their own bills, but many Americans have. Democrats in Congress are showing a complete disregard of reality coupled with magical thinking. This behavior fits the medical definition of *psychotic*. The word means *delusional, out of contact with reality*.

If you are scratching your head, wondering why their actions don't make "sense" to you as a rational thinking person who has probably read the healthcare bills, perhaps this definition helps you make sense of the contradictions you are seeing.

How are the Democrats out of touch with reality? Let me count the ways:

1. Ignoring the recession and massive federal deficits, while ramming through another expensive entitlement program that places all healthcare control in Washington, not in your hands.
2. Adding huge new taxes and penalties to Americans for TEN years to pay for SIX years of this new "free" healthcare entitlement, while ignoring the suffering of families across this country hit by the recession and loss of purchasing power in our dollars because the Fed is wildly printing money to inflate away the debt.
3. Ignoring the genetic and biological reality that each individual person is different and we cannot have "one-size-fits-all" healthcare based on a panel of government bureaucrats deciding what is effective or not.
4. Ignoring the American people's plea for transparency, fairness, and integrity by cooking up back room deals and bribes.
5. Ignoring the reality of our country's Constitution and rule of law by using made-up, deceptive, corrupt, and possibly illegal legislative "tricks" to force through deeply unpopular legislation.
6. Ignoring the fundamental reality: there is NO money to pay for this massive entitlement expansion.

The Ides of March, March 15, is known as the date that Julius Caesar was killed in 44 B.C. Beware, the Ides of March, Shakespeare said. How appropriate it is that *this* week is the one arbitrarily set by the President as a deadline for a vote on his healthcare takeover that will kill our pocketbooks, kill our privacy, and kill our choices for medical treatments to save our lives.

Today we see extraordinarily ruthless, corrupt practices by Democrats in power that are decimating the rule of law, destroying the Constitution, and trampling the wishes of the American people. All this, just to delude themselves that they are "doing good." In reality, they are fulfilling their lust for power and control by controlling healthcare and how we live or die.

For those who value our unalienable rights endowed by our Creator, the "Slaughter Rule" tells you what you are *really* getting with the Democrats healthcare bill: a vicious *slaughter* of our economy and liberties.

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Sources:

1. Health Information Technology (HIT) “Strategic Plan” was set out in Part 3 of subsection (c) of the Stimulus Bill (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009). See pages 442-446 of H.R. 1 EH pdf version online. Most in Congress did not read it before they voted to pass it.
2. The February 2009 Stimulus Bill set up the Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research (see pages 190-192 of H.R. 1 EH pdf version online).

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