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A Trillion here, a trillion there, pretty soon we're talking about real money. [krakatoa]

h/t Hussein the Plumber, [Cato Institute's Michael Cannon](#) estimates the cost of ObabamaCare to be 6.5 Trillion dollars.

He comes to this by dispensing with the largest of the gimmicks being employed to keep the true cost hidden:

Offsetting the spending:

"When all this new spending occurs" — i.e., from 2014 through 2023 — "this bill will cost \$2.5 trillion over that ten-year period."

And adding in the cost of individual mandates:

"When the bills force somebody to pay \$10,000 to the government, the Congressional Budget Office treats that as a tax. When the government then hands that \$10,000 to private insurers, the CBO counts that as government spending. But when the bills achieve the exact same outcome by forcing somebody to pay \$10,000 directly to a private insurance company, it appears nowhere in the official CBO cost estimates — neither as federal revenues nor federal spending."

Slightly on-topic observation: I'm predicting huge profits for those specializing in Unicorn-horn/rectal impaction.



posted by Open Blog at 02:11 PM

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