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Ever eager to name things after public officials who shower them with taxpayer largesse, the **University of South Carolina** is hosting its fourth annual "Congressman James E. Clyburn Health Disparities Lecture Series" on Thursday.

And get ready, people ... this year's forum is actually a two-day event that's being held at the swanky (by Columbia, S.C. standards) Grand Ballroom of the downtown Marriott Courtyard.

The topic of the forum? "Health Equity in the 21st Century: Saving the Next Generation."

Its objective? To "offer a comprehensive program on what federal and state budgets and healthcare reform will mean at the local, state and national levels for children and adults."

In addition to Clyburn – whose "transportation center" at S.C. State University is currently **being investigated for fraud** – the list of event attendees is comprised almost exclusively of government officials. Among the federal bureaucrats attending? Department of Health and Human Services deputy secretary Garth Graham, Office of Women's Health director Frances Ashe-Goins and Region IV director Anton Gunn, a former S.C. lawmaker.

Also attending are Barvetta Singletary, (Clyburn's D.C. "pork maven"), Democratic State Rep. Joseph Neal, Mary Lynne Diggs (who runs South Carolina's "Head Start" program) and Bill Jenkins – who runs the "Institute for African-American Research" at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Numerous other state-level government officials are also attending the Clyburn event, which will feature a pair of ritzy receptions at the conclusion of each day's events.

One current state lawmaker who asked not to be identified blasted the two-day bureaucrat-fest, calling it "nothing but a taxpayer-funded commercial for Obamacare."

USC spokeswoman Margaret Lamb objected to that characterization, telling FITS that there is "no cost to (the) university" associated with hosting the forum. Lamb also said that none of the speakers are being paid to attend – and that all of the costs are being picked up by a grant.

That may be true ... although you can bet your bottom dollar (assuming Uncle Sam hasn't taken it by now) that all of these state and federal bureaucrats – along with University staffers from the

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administrative office, the Arnold School of Public Health, the USC School of Medicine – are devoting considerable taxpayer time and resources to this boondoggle.

Also, count on there being plenty of travel-related reimbursements associated with this event.

Seriously ... if you don't think the taxpayers are ultimately paying for this thing, you're nuts. Also, we're pretty sure USC's taxpayer-funded lobbyists are going to have their hands full explaining this event to antsy GOP lawmakers still scarred from their most recent **brush with Obamacare**.

Nonetheless, Lamb defended the event – objecting to criticisms that promoting Obamacare wasn't part of the school's core academic mission.

"A vibrant university sponsors all manner of panels, symposia, programs and events for internal audiences (faculty, staff and students) and the community," she said. "Moreover, the student poster session allows graduate students to present their work, have their abstracts published, and participate in discussion that will generate new ideas and opportunities for public health research."

Damn ... she's good, isn't she?

Lamb added that the Clyburn event invited S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley's Health and Human Services director, Tony Keck, in an effort to incorporate "all viewpoints for a lively and informative discussion"

Really?

The last time we checked Haley's administration should fit right in with this crowd. After all, in her first 100 days in office Haley has approved a pair of \$100 million Medicaid bailouts (**here and here**) and has signed an executive order authorizing the implementation of Obamacare's **controversial exchanges**.

Of course she's consistently ripped Obamacare in public – most recently at a Tea Party rally earlier this month.

In January, a federal judge in Florida **struck Obamacare down in its entirety** – although that hasn't stopped U.S. President Barack Obama from continuing to implement the new law. Also in January, Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives **repealed Obamacare** – although that effort died in the U.S. Senate.

The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta will hold a hearing on the law on June 8 – and after that it's on to the U.S. Supreme Court.

After Obama **signed his socialized monstrosity into law** over a year ago, Democrats vowed to undertake a massive educational and public relations campaign aimed at selling the American public on the benefits of the legislation. That didn't happen ... and health care data that's been released over the past year hasn't helped their cause (*click **here, here, here and here for a few examples of that***).

Maybe forums like this one are an effort to begin that "educational" process?

We have consistently opposed Obama's socialized medicine law. We hate its infringements on individual liberty, but the bottom line is that America can't afford its **exorbitant costs** or the **new burdens** it would place on the private sector.

In addition to its estimated \$2.5 trillion price tag, a **recent report** issued by The Cato Institute found that Obamacare will result in massive new Medicaid expenses for cash-strapped states. Hundreds of leading economists have also blasted Obamacare as "a threat to U.S. businesses," one that "will place a crushing debt burden on future generations of Americans."

**CLYBURN LECTURE SERIES (Official Site)**

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By jim lewis April 28, 2011 at 9:17 am

Oh boy!

Two whole days of watching Snails Fuck.



By Darth April 28, 2011 at 9:31 am

Let me see, this will be more justification for the Innoscamvista and another diversion from the missing \$25M as SC State...



By Maxwell April 28, 2011 at 9:46 am

I'm with Jim. Nikki's Inner Circle of Fumbling Freaks would be far more entertaining. After all, this is the Mad Magazine of SC politics, right?



By Rijiv April 28, 2011 at 9:59 am

Well, has MajorC heard the one about the Indian girl's missing panty hose???



By The Cato boys a little late to the party April 28, 2011 at 10:08 am

"will place a crushing debt burden on future generations of Americans."

The Beltway Libertarians are certainly the masters of the universe when it comes to obviousness.

You only have to mosey over to the archives of mises.org or lewrockwell.com to see that the "crushing debt" was being talked about decades before Cato's pandering ass decided to comment on it.

I hate that Cato even uses the word "libertarian".

I'm going to start calling myself "classically liberal" and be done with it...all the fake conservatives, dumb tea partiers and Cato/Reason have ruined the word "libertarian".



By Asha April 28, 2011 at 10:22 am

We do not wear hose or stockings.



By Ramon April 28, 2011 at 10:34 am

Boz – Spill some dirt. Sic is weak, Balsac is missing, OWB is bored, Gary only shows up for Nikki, and Wesley's site is a joke.



By randy April 28, 2011 at 10:38 am

Perhaps Clyburn can wield his clout with Obama to make sure Boeing doesn't leave North Charleston.

yeah, right!



By Popeye April 28, 2011 at 10:39 am

jim, wat up with the dolls and needles???

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By Above and Beyond April 28, 2011 at 10:43 am

Boeing has enough problems without SC. It's a joke. Haley has nothing in the commerce pipeline. She is simply filling her daily lying quota. It has worked well for her so far.



By Jan April 28, 2011 at 11:06 am

Before Medicare if you were over 65 or disabled and lived in South Carolina, there was a 65% chance you had no health insurance. If you became ill you went to your county hospital where you paid what you could, possibly you were bankrupted, and the county picked up the balance. You were treated, by a doctor paid for with county funds.

Now that was socialized medicine. Today if you are over 65 or disabled we have government health insurance, not socialized medicine.

Of course if Congressman Ryan and South Carolina's Congressmen and Senators have their way, we will go back to that old system, and the state can once again determine what to do about all of those uninsured senior citizens and disabled people. I guess we will either let them die or return to socialized medicine.

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