

Reality

Do any of the writers who commend U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly, D-Granger, ever consider the economic reality of the health care bill? Mainly, we all want adequate health care in America for our fellow legal citizens.

Consider the economics of the debate. Is not the health care bill essentially another entitlement?

Here are a few of the entitlements facing severe deficits in the near future: Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

Consider another item which consumes vast amounts of tax dollars: federal government subsidies, which numbered 1,804 in 2006, according to the nonprofit Cato Institute. Health and Human Services accounted for 335 subsidies. That should dispel the idea that health issues are not being addressed by the federal government.

National debt in round numbers is projected to rise to \$14 trillion at the end of this fiscal year. That is roughly \$41,300 for every man, woman, child and infant in America today. How many families do you know who have \$80,000 to \$160,000 in savings?

Every tax dollar the government has comes from taxpayers — people or organizations that have a product or service that results in a profit.

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Favorites

I'm writing to name which comic strips I like and would miss. My favorite family comics are Baby Blues, For Better or for Worse, and The Family Circus. I really love the Mutts strips, whether they're funny, serious or just warm and fuzzy; I like them all.

The older strips that I still like are Blondie, Beetle Bailey, Peanuts, Garfield and Shoe. I love the tongue in cheek humor of Shoe.

As for Dilbert and Pearls Before Swine, I like them both and often get a chuckle out of them, even though I don't always get the joke.

There are others that I read from time to time, such as Mother Goose and Grimm, Jumpstart and Arlo & Janice. I enjoy Foxtrot and Cathy in the Sunday funnies, too.

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Destructive

When people are under the impression that they do not have to work because those who do are going to take care of them, and when those who do work get the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that, my friends, will destroy our nation. It's probably very much in line with what the current administration is aiming for.

The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. What do you think will happen when there is no one left to take from?

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I've noticed a lot of people like to knock Mr. Donnelly but this voter supports him. What good is your vote if you don't support him. I support his vote for Health Care Reform. He is fighting to pas HR-2254 a bill for Navy Veterans. I contacted Jackie Mareski(sp) office to ask her to get the state to support this bill several months ago and they pretty much gave me the run around. If she can't support our vets now it tells me she won't do it if she is elected, so I will throw all my enfluence behind Mr. Donnelly because he fights for Veterans rights.

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