

Health Care Watch for Friday, November 13 - With Obama Care, it's always Friday the 13th

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Yesterday's Health Care Watch got caught in the press of other matters, so we'll try to make up for it today, Friday the 13th.

Started your Christmas shopping yet? [Nancy Pelosi has hers all done](#): health care via the Pelosi plan. Here's what she has to say about it:



Ugh...Please tell me I can return it - please tell me she saved the receipt - PLEASE! If you think of all the hideously ugly Christmas gifts you've received in your life, like the sweater on the left or the tie on the right, nothing will compare to having the ultimate lump of coal known as Obama Care dumped in your stocking Christmas morning.



Here it is, Friday the 13th, and we're getting whacked by the prospect of an ugly Christmas gift already.

And guess what...this is a Christmas gift that is both unwanted AND paid for out of your pocket! If you think your post-Christmas bills are bad, consider the bill you'll have to pay for Nancy Pelosi's holiday gift to you. See how the folks at the Cato Institute explain it:



The video focuses on economic reality as opposed to the political gimmickry practiced by Speaker Pelos, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and Pres. Obama.

But there's more. Whether a national health care plan will cover illegal immigrants has been a hot issue. The Cong. Joe Wilson, R - SC, shout-out of "Liar!" during Pres. Obama's health care speech to Congress a couple of months ago came about because the president said illegal immigrants wouldn't be covered.

Maybe...maybe not. This [piece](#) from The Washington Post describes efforts from so-called immigrants-rights groups and the Hispanic caucus in Congress to muddy those waters. Just one of many individual issues that need to be closely watched without serving as a distraction from the central issue of whether a bill passes at all.

Here's another one: the deficit. Read this [piece](#) at Politico.com that describes the White House's new found evangelical zeal for deficit reduction. Oh? From the piece:

The big question for Obama - and the country - is whether the sudden concern about deficits will be more rhetoric than reality once his first State of the Union address concludes.

All presidents promise deficit reduction - and almost always fall short. There is good reason to be skeptical of this White House, too, on its commitment. The big question for Obama - and the country - is whether the sudden concern about deficits will be more rhetoric than reality once his first State of the Union address concludes.

While the article focuses on the possibility of sacrificing cap and trade legislation in favor of addressing the deficit, the wisdom expressed in these two paragraphs should be controlling as we factor the impact on it of health care legislation. Consider what is said in the Cato video about the three fallacies: it's never as cheap as they say it will be, they never generate the tax revenue to pay for it that they say they will, and promises to reform their behavior are never kept (think chronic alcoholics who fall off every wagon they get on).

Can anyone tell me why we should expect anything different this time around?

The Pelosi plan or Obama Care or the Baucus Bill - no matter what you call it, it's all the same - one big budget and deficit buster that will kill jobs, drag us down economically, not deliver on its promises, yet serve to cement more power and control over our lives into the hands of politicians and bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.

Is it too early to say, "Bah, humbug!"?

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