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What do *you* think Sen. DeMint meant by "it will break him?"

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Roger Pilon, Vice President for Legal Affairs, Cato Institute:

Rather than face the issue – that his health care proposals are hopelessly naïve, to say nothing of recklessly dangerous – President Obama charges those who recognize this with playing politics. So do many of his friends here at Politico Arena. They, and the president, have it backwards. No surprise, when your entire world is politics. Fortunately, after the breathless political juggernaut of the past six months, the American people are increasingly distinguishing the politics of hope from the politics of reality. Senator DeMint's Waterloo analogy is apt. Jefferson put it well:

Men were not born "with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few booted and spurred, ready to ride them legitimately, by the grace of God" – or of President Obama, either.

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