

I Read The Bill

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I have listened with great interest and concern to the “pros” and “cons” of the impending health bill that has been drawn up by the House of Representatives. Few, if any, of our representatives have actually read the bill in its entirety. In contrast a growing number of concerned citizens have taken the time to download and examine this piece of legislation in detail. I downloaded HR3200, and have spent a total of slightly more than ten hours reading the bill, page by page, and line by line. I can confidently say that *I have read the bill*. Having said that, there are some observations I want to make relative to a “political coup” that is presently underway in the very halls of our Congress.

Before addressing what is actually IN the bill, I want to address a mistake that many are making relative to an honest, but mislead attempt to discredit this bill. The internet is a source of much “misinformation.” I have received emails saying that the bill will demand abortion if a family has more than two children and the wife becomes pregnant – a scenario similar to China’s forced abortion laws. Another email has stated that this bill includes a provision whereby teen age girls will be injected with some kind of a sterility pill and removed later in adult life only when she agrees to the government’s law concerning birth, child rearing, etc. I have read of no such provisions in HR3200. All such emails that misrepresent HR3200 only make our attempt to discredit this bill look foolish, and makes honest and concerned individuals appear to be ill-informed at best, and radicals at worst. There is enough in this bill to discredit it based on its own “merits” (I use that word to refer to provisions within the bill that make it a horrible piece of legislation).

One more note and then I’ll share with you just two or three reasons why every child of God, and citizen of these United States should do all within their power to defeat this bill, and anything like it. I think it important to make a distinction between what this Bill SAYS and what it implies; or in other words, what the Bill states in so many words vs. the authority within those words to enact provisions that are contrary to the very foundation of this country, and which would place in position the means by which the Government could run roughshod over the principles and precepts contained in God’s word. If this were purely a health bill, addressing a reform of our health system, I would never have taken the time to read it in such detail. But in my estimation it is a coordinated effort to infringe upon our God-given rights and responsibilities. Consider if you will the following.

First, there is the issue of respect for life, whether at conception, or in the closing days of one’s life. I am speaking of abortion and euthanasia. Keep in mind that what is “implied” in this Bill is just as important as what the Bill specifically says. On page 230, Lines 8-19 the Bill states:

IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall analyze payments for non-therapy ancillary services under a future skilled nursing facility classification system to ensure the accuracy of payment for non-therapy ancillary services. Such analysis shall consider use of appropriate indicators which may include age, physical and mental status, ability to perform activities of daily living, prior nursing home stay, broad RUG category, and a proxy for length of stay.

The language gives the Government of the United States the authority to determine whether payment should be made to extend the life of someone who may have reached a predetermined age, physical state, or mental status that the Government deems too costly for treatment. While the Bill does NOT say that anyone past a certain age will NOT be given adequate treatment, it

implies it in this provision in the Bill. Once this provision becomes a part of *law*, it is only a matter of time for the next small incremental step to be taken whereby the Government decides who shall live, or who shall die.

The other end of the life cycle is also under attack in this Bill. There are two provisions in this Bill that should concern every God-fearing citizen of our country. The first has to do with the Government's authority to regulate pregnancies. Page 767, Lines 21-24, and continued on page 768, lines 1-5 read as follows:

The term 'nurse home visitation services' means home visits by trained nurses to families with a first-time pregnant woman, or a child (under 2 years of age) who is eligible for medical assistance under this title...to the extent determined by the Secretary based upon evidence, that such services are effective in one or more of the following: "(1) Improving maternal or child health and pregnancy outcomes or increasing birth intervals between pregnancies."

This provision grants the Government "as determined by the Secretary" the power to come into your home and evaluate the means by which they might improve the maternal or child health, with specific reference to the "outcomes" (note the plural language here) and/or intervals between pregnancies. Please note the language carefully. The only legitimate, God-authorized "outcome" of a pregnancy is BIRTH. The only *other* outcome would be abortion. In addition, the Government is going to tell the God-fearing family when they can or cannot have children. And, with any other Government "Bill" or "Law" there will be penalties attached to the disregard for those laws.

But there is more in this Bill to support and promote abortion. On page 783, Line 7 provisions are made for the Government financing of "free birth center services." The words are carefully chosen so as to make one *think* that we are talking about hospitals where provisions are made for births to take place. But watch carefully the language in the lines to follow – and please note the *possible* interpretation of that provision if so deemed appropriate by the Government. I have placed my interpretation of these *possibilities* in brackets:

The term 'freestanding birth center services' means services furnished to an individual at a freestanding birth center [i.e. abortion clinics, TW] (as defined in subparagraph (B)), including by a licensed birth attendant [abortionist, TW] (as defined in subparagraph (C)) at such center. "(B) The term 'freestanding birth center' means a health facility— "(i) that is **not** [emphasis mine, TW] a hospital; and "(ii) where childbirth is planned to occur away from the pregnant woman's residence [a teenagers doctor or parents, TW]...The term 'licensed birth attendant' means an individual who is licensed or registered by the State involved to provide health care [abortions, even to late term, TW] at childbirth and who provides such care within the scope of practice under which the individual is legally authorized [by Roe Vs. Wade Supreme Court decision in 1973, TW] to perform such care [abortions, TW] under State law (or the State regulatory mechanism provided by State law), regardless of whether the individual is under the supervision of, or associated with, a physician or other health care provider [the patients regular doctor or parents, TW].

There is one more provision in HR3200 that should concern us, especially those of us who are attempting to raise our children in a Godly manner. On page 837, Lines 1-5 we are introduced to Sec. 1903: **GRANTS TO STATES FOR QUALITY HOME VISITATION PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES EXPECTING CHILDREN.** On the same page, Lines 13-17 we have the following provision:

PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to improve the well-being, health, and development of children by enabling the establishment and expansion of high quality

programs providing voluntary home visitation for families with young children and families expecting children

In other words, HR3200 gives the Government the authority to come into your home and tell you how to raise your children. Interpreted, the “well being” of your child includes indoctrination in evolutionary thinking, humanism, and Godless indoctrination.

Should HR3200 pass the House and Senate, every child of God is going to find himself at odds, once again, with an ever encroaching Government that is determined to undermine every attempt on your part to live a Godly life. There are a number of other reasons why I simply cannot support this Bill, but in this article I am concerned about the impact it is going to have on our service to God. Take action; be informed.