



BAD HABITS ARE HARD TO BREAK: WILL HOUSE REPUBLICANS BREAK OUT THEIR RUBBER-STAMP?

Will House Republicans break out their rubber-stamp and blindly uphold President Bush's threatened veto of bipartisan legislation that will continue providing health insurance for 6.6 million low-income children and extend it to another 3.8 million children?

Will House Republicans continue to ignore...

...Senate Republicans?

"What will move our country toward socialized medicine is not this bill, which focuses on poor children, but the lack of action to allow people in need to have access to private affordable health care."

- *Senator Bob Corker (R-TN), NY Times 9/28/07*

"I am not for excessive spending and strongly oppose the federalization of healthcare. And if the administration's concerns with this bill were accurate, I would support a veto. But, bluntly put, they are not." - *Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), LA Times, 9/28/07*

"It is unfortunate that the President has chosen to be on what, to me, is clearly the wrong side of this issue." - *Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Floor Speech, 9/27/07*

"In this instance, with health care for millions of America's children on the line, I urge my friend, President Bush, to take a fresh look at the details of this package and realize that it is worthy of his support. I urge him to put aside the differences of this debate and to sign this bill into law for the sake of our children, America's children." - *Senator Gordon Smith, 9/27/07*

...Fellow House Republicans?

"This agreement retains the core principles of SCHIP when it was enacted and provides states with new tools to enroll more eligible low-income children." - *Reps. Heather Wilson (R-NM) & Ray LaHood (R-IL), 9/24/07*

"Any time when your choice is helping children in the lower economic range with something as sensitive as health care, to vote against that I think is difficult." - *Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), 9/25/07*

...Republican Governors?

"We cannot roll back the clock on a program that has helped to ensure children who need it most have a healthy start in life. Protecting funding for this program is one of my highest priorities this year." - *Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R-CA), 9/18/2007*

"SCHIP is an important safety net, and one way of investing in our young people that can pay real dividends in wellness and avoided costs down the road. SCHIP works." - *Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter (R-ID), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Press Conference*

...The American people?

"More than seven in 10 in the poll support the planned \$35 billion spending increase, and 25 percent are opposed. About half of all Americans 'strongly' support the increased spending." - *Washington Post, 10/2/07*