

Here is an article that is on the Breitbart Web site, but it is talking about a CNN story:

CNN: ObamaCare site doomed. Riddled with security dangers.

This reports that today, on the CNN Money site, there is a terrific story about the problems surrounding the ObamaCare Web site. The story includes all kinds of new information from a host of experts. Most of the news is flat-out terrible:

A half billion dollar site needs to be rebuilt from scratch. The site has an unwieldy 500 million lines of computer code—it took just 500,000 lines of code to send a rover to Mars—and that code of ObamaCare is riddled with security holes that could result in one of the biggest breaches in American history.

That was quoting from CNN, that article by John Nolte. It is staggering.

State exchange enrollments are mostly Medicaid, not private insurance plans.

This is another story on Breitbart by Dr. Susan Berry:

Defenders of President Obama's signature health reform legislation claim the States that put effort into establishing their own exchanges, mostly Democrat-led, are signing people up successfully for ObamaCare. A new report, however, indicates most of the individuals signing up in these State-run exchanges are enrolling in Medicaid.

Pretty disingenuous.

Then just as you think you can't stand any more about the Federal Government—they are in your bedroom, your bathroom, your kitchen, all into your private lives; they will have your medical records, and they will be giving them to navigators who are not thoroughly vetted so as to keep it secure, and it will be put online where people are saying it is a dream for hackers to steal personal information—and just when you think you can't take anything more in the way of bad news, here is a story from the AP today. It is by Stephen Ohlemacher with the AP:

The headline reads: "700 IRS Contract Workers Owe \$5.4 Million in Back Taxes."

It kind of reminds us of the old Secretary of the Treasury, Timothy Geithner. He signed four different documents, certifying—basically swearing—that if he would be given all of the money as an independent contractor instead of having money withheld, he would certify—he absolutely was swearing—that he would take care of paying his taxes, and he didn't do it until he got nominated to be the Secretary of the Treasury.

As one Treasury employee told me privately—she didn't want to make it public because she didn't want to lose her job—if employees of the IRS were to have done what Timothy Geithner had done in not paying the taxes he swore he would pay, they would be fired on the spot at the IRS. Of course, that was before Lois Lerner and her crew weaponized the IRS so they could go after conservative groups.

Anyway, it is bad news when it comes to ObamaCare; but, Mr. Speaker, like I say, we offered repeatedly to agree—in

fact, we didn't just offer. We passed a bill that would allow ObamaCare to be suspended for a year to, if possible, get its act together and give an out to the President. The President and HARRY REID could have said, Well, those Republicans in the House—we didn't want to do it, but we needed a continuing resolution to keep the government going. We needed the debt ceiling raised, so we went ahead. We had to. They had us over a barrel. We agreed to suspend ObamaCare for a year. Gee, those pesky Republicans made us do it.

That is a political way out that they had, that we gave as Republicans in the House, that we extended as a gift. We passed it as a House bill. We extended it as a gift and gave them an out. That would have given them an extra year to try to get the act together; but, oh, no, they were more interested in scoring political points because they knew the mainstream media would give them cover, that they would blame Republicans 100 percent even though it was 100 percent not Republicans. It was the people who refused to even appoint conferees to try to work it out before the shutdown really took hold. It was the Democrats who refused to agree to just suspend the individual mandate, and the compromise before that was to suspend the bill for a year. They wouldn't even do that.

How sad for the mainstream media that the best question about ObamaCare and the horrendous roll-out of its Web site was not asked by somebody at the ABC, CBS, NBC evening news, but was asked by Jay Leno after finding out that the President said, We are putting our very best people on fixing this Web site. In essence, Jay Leno asked an entirely appropriate question:

Wait a minute. We are talking about our own health care. Why wouldn't you have put our best people on starting the Web site instead of waiting until it crashed so miserably?

The answer is unknown, but the American people deserve an answer.

Are you so intent on having the Federal Government take over people's private lives—their most personal medical secrets—that you would force this horrible health care system upon them?

I am certainly willing. I will bet you we could find a majority in the House, and if HARRY REID would let it come to a vote in the Senate, they would say, Okay. Let's suspend it for a year. Come on. Maybe make it 2 years. During that time, everybody in America—every employer—can either get their insurance back if the insurance companies will do it; and if they want, they can get the private insurance that we used to have as part of our cafeteria plan for every Federal employee in America. Let Americans choose from that. Don't force these ObamaCare exchanges on America. Let them choose like Federal employees have done. Let them choose.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay a brief tribute to a patriotic man who was devoted to the military, devoted to

seeing that the military had what it needed, devoted to America. C.W. Bill Young will have his funeral tomorrow in Florida. He was 82 years old. There have been plenty of tributes written about Bill Young. There will be many more written and many more spoken tomorrow, and I will look forward to hearing those at his funeral, but there is nothing that could be said that could surpass the witness he was to who he was.

I talked to him numerous times. Sometimes I had questions. Sometimes I had points to make. When I had questions, he always had time. He was always honest—completely honest, very sincerely honest. He was a kind, decent, honest man. We miss when we lose a kind, decent, honest man.

Bill Young, you will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ADERHOLT (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today until 4 p.m. on account of an illness in the family.

Mr. RUSH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for October 22 and 23 on account of attending to family acute medical care and hospitalization.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 24, 2013, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3352. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Animal Welfare; Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions [Docket No.: APHIS-2011-0003] (RIN: 0579-AD57) received September 19, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3353. A letter from the Management Analyst, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Environmental Policy Act: Categorical Exclusions for Soil and Water Restoration Activities (RIN: 0596-AD01) received September 19, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3354. A letter from the Chief, Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations; Income Deductions and Resource Eligibility [FNS-2011-0036] (RIN: 0584-AE05) received September 24, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3355. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, Army Case Number 11-08; to the Committee on Appropriations.