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HB0161, Medicaid expansion-2.

Sponsors: Representative(s) Barlow

Comments

What is it with Medicaid expansion? Not only is government run welfare a bad idea, and federal welfare a worse idea, but we simply cannot rely on federal money any more, as recent AML and PILT cuts have shown.

A: This bill contains an appropriation of \$210,000,000 from the FEDERAL FUNDS to the Department of Health. This bill provides an expansion of Medicaid to low-income individuals. This is such a classical mixed bag that it pretty much qualifies as a Trojan Horse! The cause, helping poor folks afford health care, is totally laudable. The means, using federal funds to pay for what is a state power/responsibility is unConstitutional! Furthermore, accepting federal funds with the strings and standards that normally come with such largesse, undermines the authority of the state both in general and specifically in healthcare which is a state power/responsibility. This bill simply cooperates with the national government in eroding the power of the state vis a vis the national government and by centralizing another, sizable, chunk of power in the national government takes another step toward a unitary national government with emasculated states having no purpose other than to provide a republican fig leaf to the national government as a propagandistic pro forma curtsy to the Constitution of the United States. Governmental centralization is always inimical to Liberty! This is for a good cause, so we won't give it the worst rating possible.

Weighted Rating: -2.00. Unweighted Rating: 1.00.

Categories

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