

\$3,048,000,000⁰⁰

of Political Medicine Yearly in the United States

What does this mean for:
**SICK PEOPLE
 PHYSICIANS
 THE PUBLIC**



Political Medicine for America

On June 3, 1943, Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York—for himself and Senator James Murray of Montana—introduced in the Senate, Bill 1161.

If the recommendations in this Bill are enacted into law, they will destroy the effectiveness of medical care in the United States.

The Bill proposes to raise *annually* by taxation—from payrolls mostly—approximately *Twelve Billion Dollars*. Of this sum an amount estimated at *Three Billion, 48 Million Dollars* (\$3,048,000,000.00) is to be allocated to provide medical care by the government.

What Political Medicine Will Do to Your Physician

Physicians would be paid by government. Presumably they would work eight hours per day instead of twenty-four hours.

There would be little incentive for your physician to become more skilled in the art of medical practice. His advancement would depend upon his influence with politicians rather than on his skill or the character of his work.

Your physician would not develop initiative—he would have to adopt the methods and prescribe the treatments and medicines determined by superiors.

Your physician would have little, if any, personal interest in you who are compelled to visit him, merely because you are on his panel.

State Medicine—political control of medical service—always has, always will develop doctors who are politically amenable, who cater to the ward committeeman or the precinct captain rather than to the needs of human beings who are their patients.

For the true physician—political control of medical care means incompetence, professional deterioration and the forfeiture of self-respect.

What Does Political Medicine Mean for Sick People?

It means that they must depend upon a doctor who:

Is paid by the government—is presumably working eight hours per day. The emergency sickness must wait until the doctor is on the job;

May not be the doctor of their choice, but the one that has been assigned by a political bureaucrat;

Cannot have a personal interest in patients who come to him because they are compelled to do so;

Is less knowing and less efficient because he must follow methods and prescribe remedies that are fixed by his bureaucratic superiors;

Since his job is political, is more interested in pleasing or appeasing his political bosses than he is in curing his patients.



Often human life depends upon a physician's skill—shall he be made subservient to politicians?

What Does Political Medicine Mean for the Public?

\$3,000,000,000.00 annually of extra payroll taxes—an average of about \$120.00 yearly for each family;

150,000 additional bureaucrats to tell patients where to go and doctors what to do and how to treat human beings who are sick;

The sacrificing of the highest level of health and the most effective medical care ever known;

Doctors—to care for loved ones—who are first political stooges and henchmen instead of self-respecting human beings and—

It is understood that, if the Medical Profession is regimented, it will represent a decisive step forward toward establishing centralized Federal Control of all the professions and industry, and the destruction of Freedom of Enterprise in the United States.

What Has American Medicine Done?

Under the American system, American Medicine—American Doctors—have developed the most effective and the most widely distributed medical care that has ever been provided for any comparable number of people anywhere at any time.

In 150 years, the average number of years a man will live has been nearly doubled. In 1790 the average was 35 years. Today it is 62 years.

A child born in 1942 has the prospect of living 12 years longer than a child born in 1900.

In the last 40 years, the death rate per 100,000 people has been reduced from 1,755 to only 1,060.

During this period, typhoid fever almost has disappeared; smallpox has been subdued; diphtheria practically has been conquered; pernicious anemia, tuberculosis, diabetes, and a score of lesser ailments are being brought under control.

In 1942 the United States had the highest general level of health and the lowest death rate ever known for a like number of people under similar conditions.

The Question

Unless a tidal wave of protest forewarns the sponsors, this Bill or similar proposals may be enacted into law. The question to be answered is a simple one: Do you want medical care for the sick to be provided by Bureaucrats, Politicians, or by Doctors?

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