

Yankee Steve's Column
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Mr. Wilson Goes to Washington

Last night in a joint meeting of Congress, Representative Joe Wilson found the right words for the occasion. He spoke what many of us have been thinking for some time. Wilson blurted out, "You lie."

The feisty South Carolina Republican reacted to an attempt on the part of President Barack Obama to pull the wool over our eyes during his nationally televised speech.

No Spartan was ever more laconic. Wilson needed only two words to summarize the Obama's politics.

Bravo, Mr. Wilson! Encore! Encore! We would like to hear more from you. Eloquence like that must be rewarded. When can you come to my state? I want to shake your hand and have you sign the family Bible which says "Lie not to one another." [Colossians 3:9] I know that when you spoke the words "you lie" you were telling the truth. And you are not alone; popular writer Ann Coulter has written a four-part series dealing with health care in which she documents Obama's lies.

There are times when we have to speak up for unless we do the rocks will cry out. Last night was one of those times. Mr. Wilson could no more have been silenced than Jimmy Stewart who starred in Frank Capra's 1939 classic film, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*. It is a story about an innocent who discovers that many politicians are crooked, and some so crooked that they can stand behind a cork screw and not be seen.

Wilson just had to say something when Obama tried to convince Congress that illegal immigrants would not be covered under his health care plan. After Wilson expostulated every conservative present should have looked for the nearest exit. That would have sent the right message to the President and the country. We will not buy a pig in a poke!

Now I would like to heap even more praise on Wilson but I should note that his outburst, while brave and spirited, did not require any special insight on his part. He only spoke what many of us know - Obama is fairly new to Washington but when it comes to the political shell game he is a natural. Obama will prove over time to be a master in the art of mental reservation. You say one thing in the hope that you will be able to go back on what you have said at a later date.

Obama's supporters know that if he needs to deny illegal immigrant's health care now, in order to get some kind of a health care bill passed, that he or someone like him will be able to go back on what he said at a later date. It is all in the timing. Progressives are always planning for the future when they will get their way. If they have to coast for now they never lose sight of their goal, to execute the thing they said would never have to be implemented.

Last night's incident was in some respects unfortunate. Many people will tend to overlook the most important thing said or implied in the Obama speech. **If Obama gets his way, health insurance will become mandatory.**

I would ask, "What would you expect from Obama?" Socialists remain true to form wherever they can be found - they are authoritarians. They hate freedom. They love servitude.

Why is any attempt on the part of the government to impose mandatory health insurance important? It is the nose of the camel in the tent of the Bedouin, a lead-in for Socialism which Progressives think will usher in their long awaited utopia.

Socialism/communism does not have to come in through the front door. It can use the back door. Mandatory health insurance is Obama handing over the key to the back door.

When health insurance is mandatory there will be some people who will pretend that they cannot pay their premiums, and there will be many who will not be able to pay. Who then will pay their premiums? You will, the taxpayer. That, in essence, is what socialized medicine demands of us. America will have become one big commune.

Progressives will forego a Government Operated Health Plan for now, but rest assured they will hold out for mandatory health insurance. Mandatory health insurance will provide them with a down payment on the kind of national health care system they want for America.

If Socialism is going to be stopped we will have to prove in court that mandatory health insurance is in fact unconstitutional.

A Mean-Spirited President

How interesting! Wilson's unplanned and unabridged comment occurred during a speech in which Barack Obama showed up at Congress with only one thing in mind. He was there to scourge and castigate any and all who stand in his way, especially the conservatives. You can't disagree with a narcissist without having to face his wrath.

"He set out to speak with the average Americans and call for a new era of civility, but he also laced his speech with jabs at Republicans and lines directed at a handful of lawmakers sitting in the House chamber." [politico.com]

Last night's speech proved that Obama, the spoiled brat, must have his way. While the nation watched, the President of the United States threw a virtual tantrum. This happens only when a person is so convinced that to oppose him means that you oppose truth itself. And if that is the case, and surely it is according to Obama, you will have to be denounced.

Do you see something in all of this? I am sure that Obama takes all of the opposition he is facing personally, which is what I would expect of a child, one who could, with the cameras rolling, display a fit of temper. The real Obama came to Congress last night, the one the media has refused to show us, the Obama whose needle got stuck at about age ten or so.

Senator Lindsey Graham [R-SC] sat there wide-eyed. Later he said,

I was incredibly disappointed in the tone of his speech. At times, I found his tone to be overly combative and believe he behaved in a manner beneath the dignity of the office. I fear his speech tonight has made it more difficult - not less -to find common ground . . . He appeared to be angry at his critics and disappointed the American people were not buying the proposals he has been selling . . . If the Obama administration and congressional Democrats go down this path and push a bill on the American people they do not want, it could be the beginning of the end of the Obama presidency.

Well, Mr. Graham, that can't come soon enough.

Obama should be made to apologize for his speech in the same way that Wilson was forced to apologize for his unplanned outburst. Over time it will be proven that Obama was lying. I am sure of this.

Conclusion

What Joe Wilson did was not without precedent. You would be wrong if you thought that it was a first. In 2005 the Democrats booed and heckled a State of the Union speech that was delivered by President George W. Bush.

The conservatives on the other hand were not so ill-mannered when Obama spoke to Congress and they had every reason to be because they were being insulted.

Obama could not have been misinterpreted. He was as lucid as Wilson was laconic - those who have opposed his health care reforms have been going around telling lies.

Look America. A sitting President while addressing Congress was called a liar while delivering a speech in which he said that his opponents were liars. Now that just might be a first.

Ever yours,

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