

**Sunday, March 21, 2010**

**Quote of the Day:** *"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."* -

**Thomas Jefferson**

**The Vote:** As of now, it looks like the final vote on \$1 trillion in new taxes, \$2 trillion in new spending, socialized medicine, and the confiscation of much of your freedom will be voted on at about 10:00 PM Eastern time tonight. I don't know what is going to happen. I fear they will win. I pray they will not.

In an astounding show of arrogance, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and a posse of her fellow Democrats chose to walk right through the group of people still protesting against the bill and for their civil and constitutional rights. They could have taken the tunnels under the Capitol, they clearly did this on purpose. She did this while holding a giant over-sized Speaker's gavel in a gesture intended to taunt the assembled multitude. I'm not sure it is possible to overestimate the arrogance of this ruling majority. Their sense of omnipotence and their dismissal of the Constitution, the will of the people, the facts, and all pretense of equity makes me so angry that my hands are shaking as I write this. If you don't believe me, here is the video:



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Just to show that the Democrats are still spending your money, socializing all of American society, and still cutting special deals for their friends, here's another tidbit for you. As part of the Health care bill, Democrats included a provision having nothing to do with health care. Under the bill, no student loans will be permitted except as a loan from the government. They will eliminate all private lenders from the student loan program. This, by the way, completes the 4 year quest by Democrats to totally socialize all student loans. That is exactly what they will do with Healthcare now and very likely the banks in the future. Oh.....but there is one exception: The bank of North Dakota, you can't make this stuff up. Only one privately owned bank in the country will be permitted to make student loans in the future if this passes, and that is the Bank of North Dakota. The entire state of North Dakota, by the way, is represented by a Democrat, Earl Pomeroy. Coincidence?

This is what the future under Obama/Pelosi/Reid rule looks like. Government controls more and more of your life; you have less and less freedom, and you get to keep less and less of your money. But if you are a friend of one of our rulers, you may get a special deal. Then, you can do what no one else can, you may not have to pay the taxes everyone else does and generally live under a different set of laws than the rest of us. Wasn't the American Revolution about stopping that very practice?

I pray Congress does the right thing tonight and kills this bill. If we don't, I pray for all of us.

Until tomorrow, I remain respectfully,