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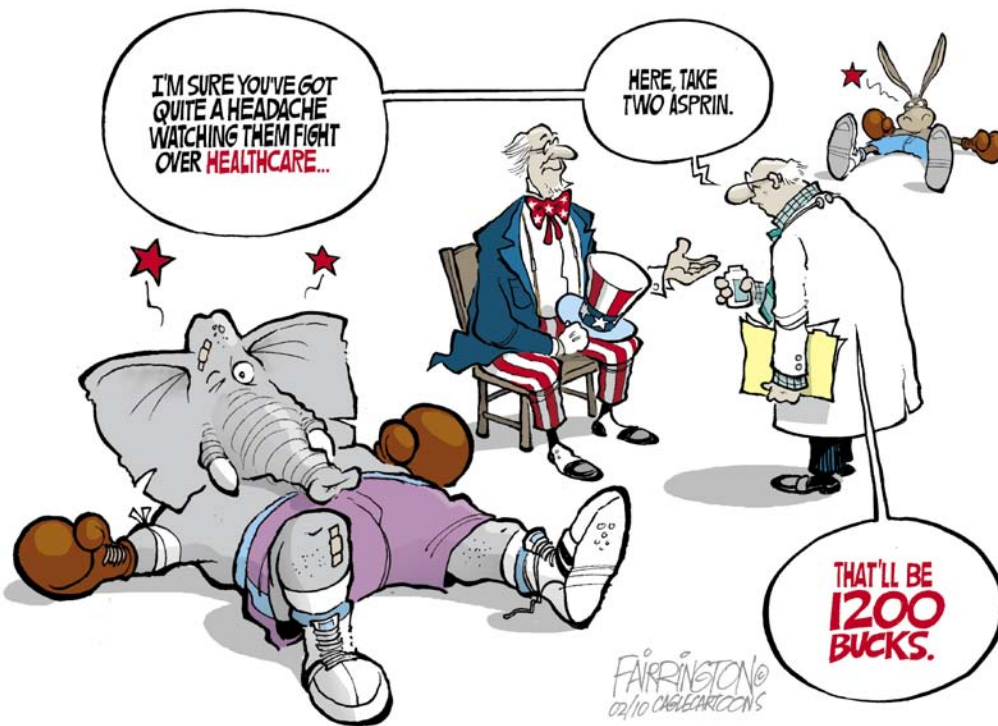
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Between the lines

The latest effort to revive legislation to address health care reform has become more confusing as both political parties threaten to invoke congressional procedural rules to either pass or stop the legislation.

A televised healthcare summit produced no Republican converts. Talk of bipartisan agreement has given way to filibusters and reconciliation votes.

Meanwhile, opinion polls indicate the public is increasingly skeptical about health care reform.

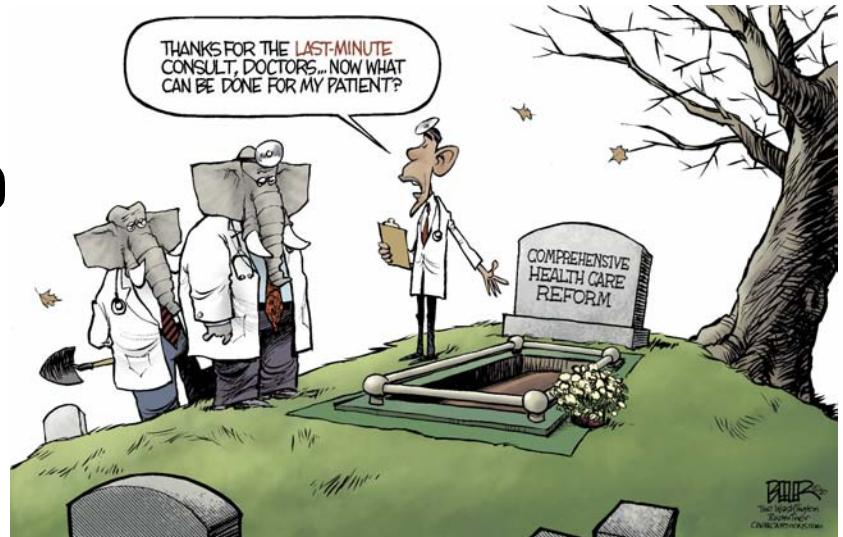


Brian Farrington, Courtesy Cagle Cartoons

Is a bipartisan reconciliation filibuster healthy?

Talking points

1. While donkeys and elephants beat themselves silly, Uncle Sam gets a very expensive headache in Brian Farrington's cartoon. Explain the symbols: Donkeys, elephants, Uncle Sam.
2. Who does Farrington seem to blame for at least some of the health care problems?
3. In Nate Beeler's view, reform is already dead and it's too late for President Obama to get help from Republicans who are ready to finish burying it. Do some research and explain the new terms being tossed about in the health care debate: Summit, bipartisan, reconciliation, filibuster.



OBAMA'S HEALTH CARE SUMMIT

Nate Beeler / The Washington Examiner, courtesy Cagle Cartoons

Additional resources

More by Brian Farrington
<http://cagle.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/fairington.asp>

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