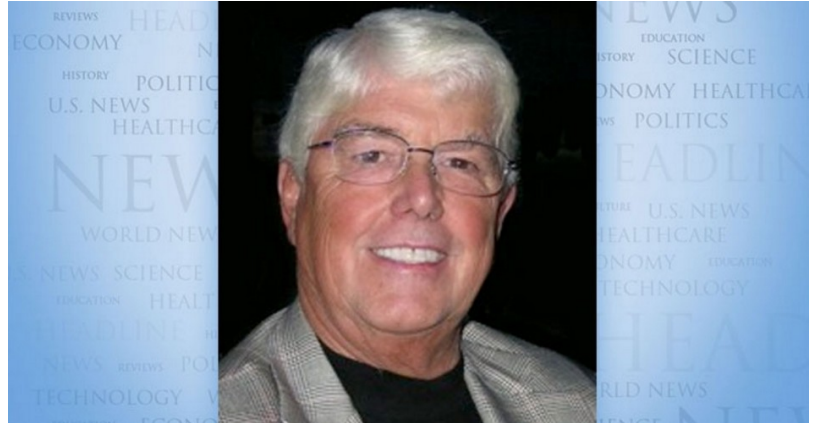




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Exactly. The bill's defenders were desperately afraid that the Court would rule against ObamaCare. When it didn't, they were ecstatic.

But their glee won't last for long. Two things are going to happen that will turn their rejoicing into anguish. One will occur later this year, the other further down the road.

The first will be massive Republican gains this fall. Consider: Before the Court's ruling, some 55 percent to 60 percent of potential voters said they opposed ObamaCare. Now that they know it will be shoved down their throats, they should be furious. Many of them are. Pollster Scott Rasmussen put it this way: "The conservative interest in the election was already much higher than that of moderates and liberals. It went up to really stratospheric levels right after the ruling."

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If Obama wins re-election and the Democrats retain control of the Senate, I still think ObamaCare will end up on the ash can of history. Here's why.

Once ObamaCare is fully in force and insurance companies are required to accept every possible applicant — no matter what pre-existing conditions they may have — you can bet that healthcare premiums will skyrocket.

When that happens, for many people it will be cheaper to simply pay the penalty rather than cough up the money for the premiums. After all, why shouldn't they delay getting coverage until they actually need it? Just think what would happen if you could wait until your house was on fire to buy insurance on it. Who would be dumb enough to buy it before you needed it?

The only way to prevent this from happening is to make the penalties higher than the cost of insurance. But I don't see that ever happening, even with a Congress filled with Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reids.

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Rather than waiting until the iron bars are around your neck, locking you in place in the dairy barn, wouldn't it be a good idea to accept Roberts' challenge and get the law repealed?

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have agreed to support the biggest expansion of government power in the history of this Republic. To say I'm aghast would be the understatement of the week.

Aghast, but not surprised. Let's be honest: The Supreme Court has a lousy record of telling the federal government it can't do something. As far as the nine members of the Court are concerned, the 9th and 10th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution don't exist.

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We've got our work cut out for us, folks. Better get busy.

Until next time, keep some powder dry.

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