



## Quick Quotes

### **Healthcare Act Will Send Federal Funding to Insurance Companies**

“I want to repeal Obamacare. I just don’t want to replace it with Obamacare Lite. It boggles my mind how this became a Republican idea.”

*There were several portions of the latest version of the healthcare measure — including funding going to insurance companies — that didn’t appeal to Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who is a physician.*

### **Puerto Rico Seeks Debt Relief**

“That things are starting out in such a highly adversarial way strongly suggests this will be a long and contentious journey for Puerto Rico.”

*Though not a state, Puerto Rico is a wholly owned possession of the United States. The island commonwealth is seeking relief from its \$123 billion indebtedness. New York lawyer Andrew Rosenberg advises Puerto Rico, but even he sees trouble ahead for the island.*

### **Trump Appointee Wants Local Control Over School Lunches**

“A perfect example of why there should be local control [can be found] in the South where the schools want to serve grits. But the whole-grain variety has little black flakes in it and the kids won’t eat it. The school is compliant with the whole-grain requirements, but no one is eating the grits. That doesn’t make any sense.”

*Former Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue is now the secretary of agriculture. He mandated that schools receiving federal funds for lunches may opt out of the federal requirements.*

### **Fences Aren’t Sufficient to Deter Illegal Entry**

“Equally sophisticated engineering goes into the tunnels that turn the [Mexico-U.S.] border into a block of Swiss cheese. Between 1990 and 2016, 224 tunnels were discovered, some with air vents, rails and electric lights.”

*A report in the Boston Globe claimed that expecting a border fence to put an end to drug shipments sent into the United States from Mexico was unrealistic.*

### **Student Supporters Discuss Ann Coulter’s Cancelled Appearance**

“I’m from Tennessee where I’m called a commie. At Berkeley, I’m labeled a right-wing reactionary who wants to bring back the patriarchy. For me, Ann Coulter is definitely not the hill to die on.”

*An economics and history student at University of California Berkeley, Patrick Bolden recognizes that he is surrounded by leftists who make him feel like an alien from another planet. He and a few other student Republicans are virtually alone at the predominantly leftist campus.*



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## **Ex-Im Bank Opponent Named to Be Its Leader**

“I think there is a legitimate concern about whether this nominee will fulfill the commitment we have to American workers to get the bank up and running. You have to make sure you are not putting someone there who is a saboteur.”

*Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.) wonders about the selection of former New Jersey Congressman Scott Garrett, who championed abolition of the bank only two years ago.*

## **Hillary Clinton Points to Comey as the Cause of Her Defeat**

“If the election had been on October 27, I’d be your president.”

*Referring to FBI Director James Comey’s announcement on October 28 that there were more instances of her using unsecured computers to transmit classified information, Hillary Clinton insisted that the announcement only days before the November 8 election cost her the victory she was expecting.*

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