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### **1. Congress: Clunkers set for passage**

Posted: Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:07 AM by Domenico Montanaro

Video: CNBC's Squawk box discusses proposed legislation that would pay car buyers up to \$5,000 for trading in their old clunker and buying a new, fuel-efficient auto that was assembled in the U.S.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus now says there needs to be a deadline for health care. "'We need a deadline,' Baucus told Roll Call after a meeting between the Senate Democratic Conference and President Barack Obama at the White House. Baucus said the deadline would be 'around Sept. 15,' adding that he hoped Republicans would come around to the idea."

Video: Health industry lobbyists have been disrupting town hall gatherings around America to prevent the spread of information about health care reform. Rachel Maddow is joined by Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-TX.

This isn't going to help those moderate Democratic House members who voted for climate-change legislation... "With the fight over health care reform absorbing all the bandwidth on Capitol Hill, Democrats fear a major climate change bill may be left on the cutting-room floor this year. A handful of key senators on climate change are almost guaranteed to be tied up well into the fall on health care. Democrats from the Midwest and the South are resistant to a cap-and-trade proposal. And few if any Republicans are jumping in to help push a global warming and energy initiative."

Video: Rep. Chris Van Hollen joins Countdown's Keith Olbermann to talk about health care negotiations in the House and how important a role bipartisanship will play in getting legislation passed.

House Democratic leaders have a strategy for countering protesters attempting to disrupt Members' town-hall meetings on health care over the August recess: Do nothing... House Democratic leaders are banking on the opposition buckling under its own weight and say their Members, even the most vulnerable, are ready for a partisan assault. ... Van Hollen predicted that the groups' more dramatic tactics -- which have included the display of Nazi signs, a hanging effigy of Rep. Frank Kratovil (D-Md.) and a tombstone bearing the name of Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-Texas) -- will 'backfire in a big way' because their aim is to keep citizens from having a conversation about health care."

Hypocrisy watch? "Last year, lawmakers excoriated the CEOs of the Big Three automakers for traveling to Washington, D.C., by private jet to attend a hearing about a possible bailout of their companies," Roll Call reports. "But apparently Congress is not philosophically averse to private air travel: At the end of July, the House approved nearly \$200 million for the Air Force to buy three elite Gulfstream jets for ferrying top government officials and Members of Congress. The Air Force had asked for one Gulfstream 550 jet (price tag: about \$65 million) as part of an ongoing upgrade of its passenger air service."

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Comments

I like giving my taxpayer dollars away to people buying cars for themselves! I like it a lot!!

J Orker (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:13 AM)

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Good to see the Kings and Queens of our government are enjoying the luxuries they believe they are entitled to.

Send A Message - Join A Tea Party (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:15 AM)

Cap and Trade, the less evil sister of Health Care Reform. Both programs will be thrown out of Congress in the next couple of months.

Lil'Becker (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:16 AM)

Reference posting from 08/04/09 @ 5:10 pm....

I think the US Postal workers who are about to be laid off at the 700 closing branches by Barack "Three Million Jobs" Obama, are a far greater threat to our safety than the Gitmo guys.

St. Eleutherius of Nicomedia

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Dear St. E.

The Republicans and Libertarians have made "smaller government" a major plank in their platforms for years. Just consider these laid off US Postal workers as a small step to victory on the way to "balanced budget" and "smaller government". Shame on Obama for the stimulus that saved so many jobs for teachers, policemen, and fire fighters. Oh well, one step to downsizing government at a time.

A Voice from Michigan (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:21 AM)

Sounds like the dopes of nope finally realized they had better not axe the cash for clunkers program because they'd face the wrath of voters next election.

The repugnant ones have become really sickening as they try any evil trick possible to stop health care reform with the public option. I don't understand why the Democrats don't call in the police and if the repugnant one supporters disrupt the townhall meetings then the paid protesters need to be told to act like responsible adults or they'll be escorted out and taken to jail, or better yet the police can bust a few heads to calm down the scene.

FreedomWatch Hates Freedom of Speech!

Eric, Salinas, CA (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:24 AM)

What about global warming, er I mean climate change? Won't that fictional problem be worsened by these new jets?

Gee, it's almost like Congress doesn't believe man made global warming is real. Or do they all have the Al Gore "Do as I say not as I do" syndrome?

Turn off your air conditioners folks. Time to sweat the summer out in your own homes. The same people who preach the gospel of global warming, just ordered some new fancy private jets for their personal use.

Mike in Woodridge, IL (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:27 AM)

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Whoa! What happened, Baucus? Being called out on Olbermann for getting more money from the insurance industry than anyone else suddenly gave you a conscience? What are your Republican buddies, the industry, and the rest of the Blue Dogs going to say? Worse yet, what are Lord Limpballs and his pet chihuahua Glenn Beck going to say?

<http://jawillie.blog.com>

jawillie Philadelphia, PA (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:28 AM)  
Eric in Salinas

For someone who claims to be so smart, you can't seem to get anything right. The Republicans have no power to stop HCR with a public option, and you know it. If it does not become law, the Democratic party will be 100% to blame. Why do you keep insulting the intelligence of people on this forum, by constantly blaming Republicans for something they have no control over?

Mike in Woodridge, IL (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:47 AM)  
HAHA...ex Prez. Clinton is the man! I wonder how the right will try to spin this one.

Joyce (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:51 AM)  
There has to be an end to this madness sooner or later. Another 2 billion added. That's my tax money.

Did anyone notice that those cars being bought are mostly foreign models with the exception of Ford?

In other words, GM and Chrysler, those who were bailed out and changing their production and eliminating models, are not getting that much attention. GM = Government Motors.

Moon Dawg (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:53 AM)  
(From another post)

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St. Eleutherius of Nicomedia

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Usually, since your rantings make no logical sense anyway, I tend to ignore them. But for the record, the reason that postal workers are being laid off and post offices are closing have nothing to do with Obama, and everything to do with what allows you to post your paranoid-schizophrenic rantings here. It's called THE INTERNET!

<http://jawillie.blog.com>

jawillie Philadelphia, PA (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 10:01 AM)  
Remember when all the Hollywood stars who claim to be environmentalists flew in their private jets to attend Pres Obama's Inauguration party? Yep, that's how "serious" they are about "climate change". Al Gore, too. But again, liberals don't seem to care about their own hypocrisy.

Climate change (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 10:01 AM)

Jawillie you are a scream!!! I looked for hours on this website and even on your own site for that comment you made to bad chiwawa when the Taco Bell dog died, I wanted to read it to a friend, but I never found it. You had me roflmao! Your intelligent and witty comments are always a warm welcome!

margaret,baltimore,md (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 10:04 AM)

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I take no joy in the loss of their jobs or the closing of these Post Offices. It is simply an example of the double talk of Obama who promises to create jobs and who thinks Government should take over more of the health care system.

Uncle Sam can't balance Medicaid/Medicare/ Prescription Drug benefits now, they are insolvent by 2017 according to the GAO.

If we can't trust the government to run a smaller program properly, what are we in for?

St. Eleutherius of Nicomedia (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 10:07 AM)

'Cash for Clunkers' although perhaps a good idea was a poorly researched and planned program.

#### TYPICAL GOVERNMENT INEFFICIENCY!

Do you really trust the admin's cost estimates?

TYPICAL GOVERNMENT INEFFICIENCY! (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 10:13 AM)

It's not fair that my neighbor can get \$4500 for a new car but they won't give me \$4500 to buy a new boat. Boats will stimulate the economy, too.

KLM in MI (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 10:17 AM)

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jawillie Philadelphia, PA (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 10:01 AM)

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Thanks jawillie, I stand corrected. Since Al Gore claims he invented the Internet, Al Gore is to blame for the Post Office closings, not Obama.

Apparently the Internet has not run UPS, FedEx and DHL out of business. If the government is so good at running businesses, why haven't they run private parcel and letter carriers out of business?

Can't wait until Uncle Sam takes over the entire health care system.

St. Eleutherius of Nicomedia (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 10:36 AM)  
Low bandwidth for understanding complex issues, Orker?

Would you rather the mightiest nation in the world end up without a car industry? And the military implications of that?

Also, last I checked, the offer of small incentive for trading in old car contributing to our sending oil to middle east countrys that dont like us is open to everyone including you and me. Same as the 25% tax back incentive on anyone who tkaes up the offer to convert part or all of their electricity to solar or the \$2500 or any of the other tax incentives that has been practiced by government policy - dem and rep - for decades.

If you have kids I probably like paying you \$2500 tax deductible for you to bring them up. My estate tax that goes to the school district to which I send no child. I like it a lot. Its the cost of living in a civilized society. They dont have stuff like that in most African countries.

J. Richter (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 10:56 AM)  
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St. Eleutherius of Nicomedia

You just answered your ilk about why a government option in parallel with private options to those who LOVE their current insurance and their administrators coming between them and their doctors will not be run out of business (no more talk of Canada and UK from you). Or why SCHIP has not resulted in ALL children in that marvelous program. The peace of mind and protection it gives helps indiviudals strike out into small business without worrying about health insurance for their children in the interim. God bless those who thought that program up.

J. Richter (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 11:03 AM)  
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Good Lord. Stupidity must be working overtime today.

UPS, FedEx, and DHL deal mostly in parcels (unlike the USPS which deals in mostly stamped mail like bills and letters), which (until they invent the Transport Beam) you can't send through the internet. And for the record, their profits have shown a steady decline as people are doing less and less mail-ordering because of the economy.

Also, you do realize that you've just contradicted a standard argument against a Public Option for Health Care Reform. That would be the one that it would force private insurers would go out of business. If a government run program like the US Postal Service

can't put private carriers out of business, how do you expect that a government run Insurance Option would somehow put private insurers out of business?

Its fun seeing righties chase their tails on these issues.

<http://jawillie.blog.com>

jawillie Philadelphia, PA (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 11:20 AM)

Month 8 of the benevolent reign of Caliph Osama Bin Biden, let the proclamation go forth:

"A White House spokesman said Wednesday that the United States has pulled far back from descending into another economic depression, although new figures to be released Friday will likely show a rising unemployment rate, possibly to more than 10 percent. We have pulled far back from the edge of descending into another economic depression," White House propagandist Robert Gibbs said."

POSSIBLY more than 10% LIES LIES LIES, it is WAY over 10%! Not a Depression? Could have fooled me. The unemployment numbers are being suppressed to avoid panic. The press is covering for Obama so much they don't know truth from reality.

St. Eleutherius of Nicomedia (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 11:27 AM)

Well, DUH-I can't even believe they'd even think about blocking something that's working...probably since they've wrecked so much in the last 8 years, they don't recognize a little success.

Glad to hear DimWitt and McConnell are getting a little clued in. Duh.

Deborah Greenlawn, NY (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 11:56 AM)

PROTOCOL.

As in Congressional hearings. They can sit there in pink, wear signs, whatever. Make a peep that disrupts the stated procedure-talk, question, answer (shut up while answer is being stated) follow-up, next questioner...out you go. Assault those in charge, and you're arrested. REAL disorderly conduct this time. We'll see how big a bail fund these fakes have.

It's security. A detachment of officers-capitol police, military, whatever...for protection of the speakers and the rights of those in the audience who are there for information. These goons have no right to deprive others of their freedom of speech and others to assemble peacefully for a meeting.

Gosh-and they're such lousy actors too.

Deborah Greenlawn, NY (Sent Wednesday, August 05, 2009 12:02 PM)

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## **2. Bill Clinton To Rescue Postal Service, Cure Rickets Next**

It turns out all you need to goose auto sales is some good old-fashioned citizen bribery.  
[Washington Post]

If anybody can save two comely female journalists from the horrors of North Korean labor camps, it's Bill Clinton. [New York Times]

President Obama's two top economic advisors went on TV last weekend and basically said "never say never" when it comes to a middle-class tax hike, so Obama has had those two men sent to Hell or wherever Orly Taitz is from, and he has sent out Robert Gibbs to assure the nation that he will not raise taxes on the middle class ever THE END. [New York Times]

Even the bloodless coward Democrats in the Senate are getting a little restless at the slow pace of healthcare reform. [Reuters]

The venerable United States Postal Service is not immune to recession, and must consider a series of painful cost-cutting measures in these difficult times. [AP]

Jesus christ, people, do you want your kids to grow up with rickets? No? Then feed them some goddamn Vitamin D or make them play outside for 10 minutes. [Health Magazine]

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