

100 Pages is Enough!

When Chief Justice Roberts asked if the defenders of Obamacare expected SCOTUS to review all 2,700 pages of this overreaching law, he posed a question that should have been asked 100 years ago during countless other deliberations. It made no more sense to the Court than it did to Charlie Rangel – or any well-intentioned lawmaker or bureaucrat. Tea Partiers formed committees to take on 20 pages each among them. It wasn't pretty! Mz Nancy still claims her Congress took the Constitution into consideration. Lesson 1: Always listen to your local Tea Partier!

Lawmakers have their overpaid fun for a while, but bureaucrats make careers out of draconian rules, harassment and fines to justify their existence.

If things are ever to turn around, lawmaking and bureaucracy must incorporate “Subsoil” – personal responsibility and “e pluribus unum” into the wonderful Chaos of human interaction and proper government oversight. Then there is a chance to preserve the American Way of Life in our Constitutional Republic..

Five important questions should be consistently asked, truthfully answered and applied with integrity when writing legislation and running any resulting bureaucracy:

- **Will this new law help or hurt initiative or personal responsibility?**
- **Does the legislation or the bureaucracy it authorizes equally benefit the wider community?**
- **Will this legislation put people or regions in a creative or entrepreneurial strait jacket?**
- **Will the legislation encourage and maximize private enterprise and employment without requiring major government oversight?**
- **Is the legislation less than 100 pages in length, devoid of selective privileges and unrelated attachments and riders?**

Entitlements discourage individuals from challenging and motivating themselves. Are the people allowed to do their best when challenged? There will always be hard to define needs of the helpless which should largely be handled locally, especially in the long term. We're all needy – we're not all helpless!

Individual and community initiative and uniqueness must never be subordinated to a rigid plan for central control through taxes, financial manipulations or bureaucratic overreach. Challenges and competitions between communities would be far more productive by exhorting beauty and quality rather than harassment and fines. Unexpected opportunities in the chaos of daily pursuits lead to the development of individual gifts and talents and from these, new technologies, industries and services.

Draconian bills of great length are by definition what the Founders called “pretended legislation,” filled with taxpayer poison pills and bureaucratic license. We must no longer pass bills so we can see what's in them. If a bill is too long, it becomes impossible to analyze and critique its veracity and constitutionality before the damage is done. SCOTUS brought that home loud and clear in the Obamacare preliminary hearings.