

2010? - A Two Trillion Dollar NEW Year!

While "Health Care" legislation costs America one trillion dollars, opening ANWR with the NEW gains America TWO trillion dollars!

Here, in Alaska, we have a Republican - Lisa Murkowski - and a Democratic - Mark Begich - senator. In 2009, Lisa voted against the "Health Care" legislation and Mark voted for it. It will all come to a head in early 2010. No matter how the House and Senate bills are reconciled, two things are certain in the end.

First, the legislation will not replace the current health care system in America with some panacea of free universal health care; it will merely tweak the status quo - hopefully for the better. Second, it will definitely COST America and Alaska at least one trillion dollars.

Mark Begich has been roundly castigated in Alaska for not selling his vote (like other senators did) on health care for legislation to open ANWR. Rightly so, especially since opening ANWR with the NEW - National Endowment for Wildlife - GAINS America, Alaska, and wildlife TWO trillion dollars! It's a no-brainer.

Usually politicians sell their their votes for pork-barrel projects that COST the American tax-payer money or for, heavens forbid, something that benefits themselves. So far Mark and Lisa have missed the opportunity to sell their health care votes for two trillion dollars of ANWR oil and gas that will BENEFIT all Americans. That's got to be a first. Might even set a new beneficial to the tax-payer precedent. Two trillion dollars of beneficial ANWR oil for "improved" health care that costs one trillion dollars? Again, it's a no-brainer!

Of course health care is important, but let's put it into proper perspective. America's national security, economy, and way of life are all fueled by oil, in spite of all the green hype about alternative energy. Put starkly - no oil, no America!

Alaska has plenty of oil, especially in ANWR right next to one of the world's largest oil pipelines currently flowing at two-thirds empty. ANWR can be opened right now with my proposed ANRA - Alaska Natural Resources Act - legislation that creates the NEW - National Endowment for Wildlife.

As a bonus, my ANRA legislation comes with two credible personifiers, Françoise and me. We have already done similar legislation before. We are the only couple in American history to have pushed an entire generic wildlife act - The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - through a divided Congress in a few months to unanimous passage with 60 co-sponsors including 22 chairmen and the leadership of both parties. We personified that legislation as well and we were at the right place at the right time to get it through Congress (please see our Web site, tedandfran.com for details).

Here we are in 2010 with health care legislation coming to a head and ANWR is still closed. The time is

super-ripe for an elegant legislative compromise involving health care and ANWR. The Alaska delegation - Young, Murkowski, and Begich - can lead the way. Young got ANWR legislation passed several times in the House only to see it die in the Senate because it was never the right legislation. Now the stage is set for the right ANWR bill to succeed, emphasizing the creation of the NEW.

Our Alaska delegation should introduce my ANRA legislation in both the House and Senate ASAP and use their own constituents to personify it. Then all three should "sell" their health care votes to gain America, Alaska, and wildlife 2 trillion dollars while helping to fuel America's national security, economy, and way of life with Alaska ANWR oil.

Now that makes a great deal of common sense! America and Alaska will both have better health care and more very beneficial Alaska oil thanks to Young's, Murkowski's, and Begich's leadership in tying health care and ANWR oil together.

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