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## NEWS BITS

### FROM HERE AND THERE

Our country, it is increasingly clear, has arrived at a pivotal moment – perhaps the pivotal moment – in its history. Together, we face a choice between two futures. One is a collectivist future where the federal government claims ever increasing shares of our income and grants itself the authority to make decisions affecting virtually every aspect of our daily lives. The other future is built upon the idea that individual freedom trumps government authority, and that in those rare cases when solving a problem requires government, the government that governs best is the one that is smallest and closest to the people. That is the future that we should seek – reaffirming our individual liberty, strengthening private markets, shrinking the size of governments, and making decisions wherever possible at the local level rather than in Washington.

No issue joins this debate more dramatically than the question of Obamacare, and what to do about it. It's not just about health care. The law redefines our centuries-old understanding of the reach of federal authority, indeed whether there are any limits at all to the government's ability to intrude upon individuals, families, business owners, physicians and other health providers, and state and local governments. Little or nothing will be allowed outside the new regulatory scheme – no alternative state programs, no individuals or businesses that choose not to participate, no truly private market alternatives. The debate boils down to one big

question: Shall we govern ourselves, or let unelected bureaucrats rule us?

Behind this question are the many other specific ones about health care:

- Should the federal government control America's \$2.5 trillion health sector, fully one sixth of our economy?
  - Should government bureaucrats decide what form of health coverage is "acceptable"?
  - Should these bureaucrats be given the legal authority to require all Americans to purchase government-designed health plans and levy penalties on those who don't comply?
  - Should the federal government require the States to devote scarce resources to the creation of federally designed health exchanges that State lawmakers may feel inadequately address the unique needs of state residents?
  - Should the federal government expand the Medicaid program so dramatically that States face a Hobson's choice – either shoulder billions in new fiscal commitments (on top of an already unsustainable budget mess) or withdraw from the program entirely?
  - What about employers who want to continue to provide their employees with health coverage but learn that federal bureaucrats deem the coverage they can afford to provide insufficiently generous?
- The Heritage Foundation 1/11

(To read the full article view the February *Virtual Voice Edition* on our website.)

*Pray for us!*

#### Prayer Notes:

- This month we will have the special blessing of sharing the vision of this ministry during the WGCR share-a-thon and with hundreds of pastors at a Gulfport, MS Bible Conference.
- The printer has increased prices over \$1,000 for the quarterly *The Voice in the Wilderness* publication printing. Please pray as we seek better prices.
- Interest in the KJB Declaration and lapel pin is growing quickly. A good problem: We can't keep enough of the pins in stock to meet the demand! Pray for 10,000 signatures.

#### Come Join Us ...

- in celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible
- sign The KJB Declaration on our website at [www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org](http://www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org)
- order your commemorative KJB 400th Anniversary lapel pin today.



#### Prayer

- Travel Safety
- Health
- Increased Support
- KJB Project
- Venezuela Church Planting Projects
- Car for Pastor Niller - San Felipe, Venezuela
- Foreign travel and Missions teaching and preaching
- Property Maintenance Equipment

#### Praise

- Special year-end offerings
- 3000 KJB Signatures
- New updates to website
- New Missions & printing opportunities for 2011
- Safe travels and good services

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