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Ben Nelson

By Rowan Scarborough -

The Obama administration has delivered another budget plum to Democratic Sen. Ben Nelson and the state of Nebraska, adding more than a half-billion dollars for a new veterans hospital in Omaha.

The move reverses a decision by Mr. Obama's own Veterans Administration of a year ago, which called for repairing an existing hospital.

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The Veterans Administration made the budget switch during internal deliberations in 2009 at a time when the White House was wooing the moderate Democrat to vote for President Obama's health care overhaul bill.

Mr. Nelson was among the last of the Senate Democrats to sign on to the health bill, deciding to vote "yes" after securing special Medicaid payments for Nebraska in a deal known as the "Cornhusker Kickback." Health care reform opponents have widely panned that deal.

At the time that deal was being made, Mr. Nelson was getting another boost from the VA as it formulated its next budget.

Jake Thompson, a spokesman for Mr. Nelson, rejected the idea the new hospital was awarded in exchange for the senator's health care vote.

"It was never discussed," Mr. Thompson said. "He wasn't discussing the Omaha VA hospital in any relation to health care. The answer is no."

The spokesman added that Mr. Nelson "has been advocating [a new hospital] with this administration, with the previous secretary of the VA and the current secretary of the VA. But in relation to health care, it wasn't discussed at all. I think the VA's own study was the principal reason it was moved up" on the construction priority list.

But Rep. Steve Buyer of Indiana, ranking Republican on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, said, "This one doesn't smell right or feel right."

Mr. Buyer said testimony by VA officials to the Senate last August showed managers recommended renovation and some expansion of the existing Omaha site -- not an entirely new hospital at a much higher cost.

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to Secure Health Care Votes by <u>SusanAnne Hiller</u>



Let the Bribes Begin: Obama Offering Judgeships

Yesterday, The <u>Weekly Standard</u> reported that President Obama hosted <u>10 Democrat House members</u> at the White House last night:

Tonight, Barack Obama will host ten House Democrats who voted against the health care bill in November at the White House; he's obviously trying to persuade them to switch their votes to yes. One of the ten is Jim Matheson of Utah. The White House just sent out a press release announcing that today President Obama nominated Matheson's brother Scott M. Matheson, Jr. to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Apparently, Obama thinks that Matheson's brother is qualified to become a federal judge:

"Scott Matheson is a distinguished candidate for the Tenth Circuit court," President Obama said. "Both his legal and academic credentials are impressive and his commitment to judicial integrity is unwavering. I am honored to nominate this lifelong Utahn to the federal bench."

Matheson's background reads:

Scott M. Matheson currently holds the Hugh B. Brown Presidential Endowed Chair at the S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1985. He served as Dean of the Law School from 1998 to 2006. He also taught First Amendment Law at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government from 1989 to 1990.

While on public service leave from the University of Utah from 1993 to 1997, Matheson served as United States Attorney for the District of Utah. In 2007, he was appointed by Governor Jon Huntsman to chair the Utah Mine Safety Commission. He also worked as a Deputy County Attorney for Salt Lake County from 1988 to 1989. Prior to joining the University faculty, Matheson was an associate attorney from 1981 to 1985 at Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington, D.C.

Matheson was born and raised in Utah and is a sixth generation Utahn. He received an A.B. from Stanford University in 1975, an M.A. from Oxford

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by Liberty Chick

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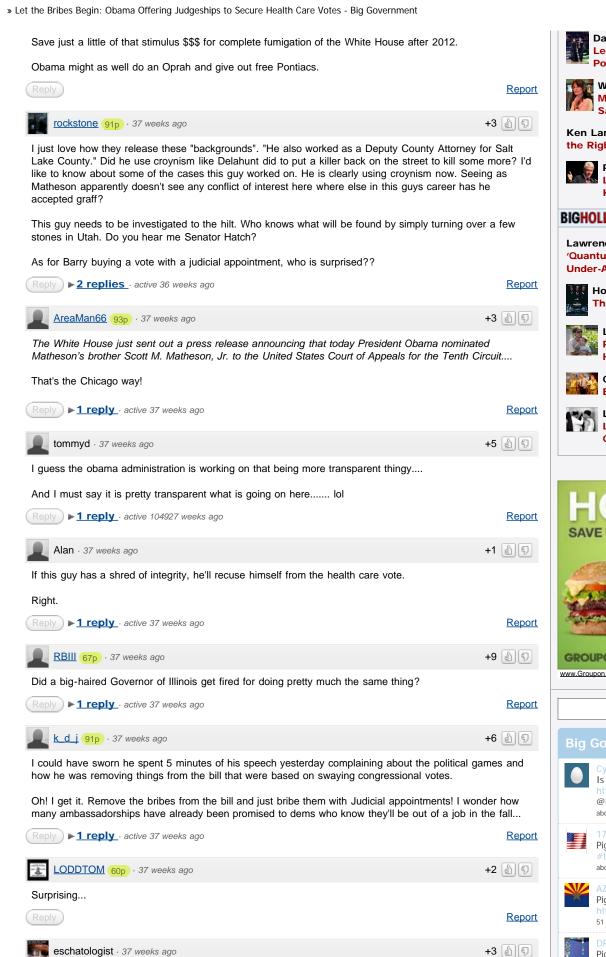
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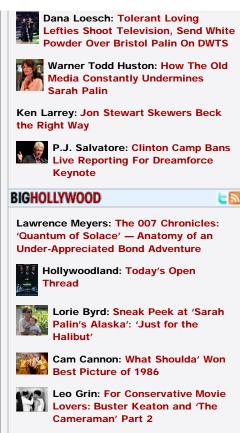
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RandyL2 (106p) · 37 weeks ago



An appelate judge appointment is an F-ing valuable thing.





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Is there any chance this doesn't mean he agreed to be bribed in advance? Is there any chance that when the hearing comes up we will have him on the stand, and he'll tell the truth of why the timing is suspicious?

Clearly, the democratic congress is following Obama off the cliff because they believe they will be rewarded with cushy appointed positions in the future should they lose their seats. We need to remove ALL appointments like this to ensure no democratic congress can be bought, and impeach this judge if he wins approval.

To drain this swamp, cut all federal government pay and eliminate all political appointments. And heck, that's also the correct answer to reduce the debt, as well as the correct answer for allowing the private sector to thrive. Cut half the pay, half the benefits, and half the jobs.



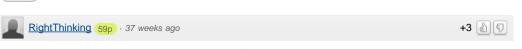
oh but we're supposed to excuse the "Messiah" and look the other way, for offering these kinds of deals, and everything else he does, because he is BLACK, right? And because we are supposed to "give him a chance", right Jon Stewart et. al.?

"I have here on this paper, the signature of Herr Hitler, that guarantees we will have peace in our time" --Lord Chamberlain (predecessor to Winston Churchill before World War II) and the greatest fool of the 20th century

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Constituion and their corruption. I don't understand why steps have not been taken to clean up this administration other than the fact the media does not report on it.

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We need to cut congressional pay and remove the Cadillac healthcare benefits from the compensation package. If we are to be expected to tolerate socialized medicine then these scumbags should lead the way.

We should also treat any house or senate member that gets voted out of office as having been FIRED! and that should mean the end the retirement pay and health benefits.

We also need to limit the congressional session to no more than 6 months and require that the remaining 6 months are spent talking to constituents and actually listening to what WE want done.

I think that the Jersey recall petition is a good start to draining this swamp and should be repeated in every state.

StanH (122p) · 37 weeks ago +3 ₪ 🗊

It's the Chicago way, were cronyism, and shady dealings are a virtue. Take note America, the ends always justify the means with leftist...make'em pay in November!



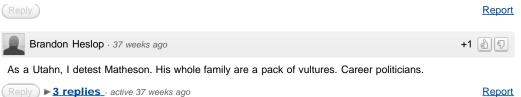
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Why is anyone surprised about this. The entire health care process has been filled with bribes and payoffs. If this bill was actually as good as Obama, Pelosi and Reid are trying to claim most would have quickly jumped on board. This is Chicago politics at its finest. Why anyone thought that they would get honestty when they elected one who only knows the Chicago thug mentality is beyond me.

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Aaron · 37 weeks ago 0 🔊 🕤

but the timing of this is way too suspicious. I'm sure Jim Matheson believes his brother deserves such a position, but talk about an unexpected "present". I'd like to believe that Jim did something to tick of POTUS enough that he heavy-handedly announced Scott's appointment prior to actually speaking with Jim. But maybe not. Either way, Jim Matheson is left holding a stinky bag...

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