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Senate needs to cool down rushed debate on health care

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Why are the president and the Senate in such a hurry to push through a government-run bureaucratic health care system, without proper discussion or debate? The Obama administration now realizes that it cannot ram big government health plan down the throat of the Senate - if they accept the traditional historic requirement of a 60-vote majority. Democratic majority leader Sen. Harry Reid has warned that a failure to get 60 votes would lead him to "try to force through a bill with 50 senators and Vice President Joe Biden breaking the tie."

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Changing one-sixth of the American economy by having 50 senators voting yes would be a revolutionary act more fitting of a Third World country than for the United States. Even the former Democratic majority leader Sen. Robert C. Byrd stated (April 2, 2009) "Using the budget reconciliation process to pass health reform and climate change legislation ... would violate the intent and spirit of the budget process, and do serious injury to



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the constitutional role of the Senate."

When our founding fathers designed the U.S. Constitution, they proposed to guard against political power grabs by slowing down the process of making laws. For example, they were adamant that the Senate be "a deliberative body to slow down the passions of the House and stop mob rule from destroying freedom." In contrast to the House, therefore, in the Senate even a small group of senators can hold up a bill by continuously debating it, i.e. the filibuster.

There is the political story that, at the 1787 Constitutional Convention, Thomas Jefferson asked George Washington why the framers of the Constitution had agreed to add a second chamber in Congress. "Why did you pour that coffee into your saucer?" Washington asked him. "To cool it," said Jefferson. "Even so," said Washington, "We pour legislation into the senatorial saucer to cool it."

Let's hope that the current health reform and climate change bills are treated in the same (calm, cool and collected) way - careful reading, thorough analysis and extensive discussions by the Senate and by those of us who vote.



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