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HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE SMALLPOX VACCINE

NOVEMBER 18. AP is running a story on the smallpox vaccine and homeland security. It's a beaut. Seems that the government is just a tad anxious about lawsuits against "health-care providers" who give the vaccine and wind up with dead and maimed patients.

It's not the death they're worrying about. Of course not. It's the suits.

So they've inserted a provision in the Homeland Security Bill that is being passed as we speak. No liability can be incurred by those who kill their patients. Hippocrates is rolling over in his grave. Again.

The government itself will handle any damage claims stemming from the vaccine. In this context, "handle" means: DEFLECT, STONEWALL, REFUSE, ATTACK, HUMILIATE.

This sneaky Homeland provision also states that NO punitive damages are permitted. In other words, the government cannot be punished for mandating a vaccine that kills people.

"Let's see, Mrs. Jones. Your hubby died after the smallpox shot. Even though we strongly doubt his passing had anything to do with the vaccine that was administered the day before he croaked, and even though we've fought you on this for 16 years, okay, we'll shell out some bucks. He was 63. So he had two more years of shelf-life as a worker drone. That comes to \$72,000. The government's court costs in this case were \$12 million. We feel we have to deduct SOMETHING for our expenses. So we'll knock your 72 thou down to 30. Of course, you won't be getting any social security under our tightened up plan, because he died before reaching retirement age. And, by the way, you're now on our special list of subversives. Have a nice day. The check to you is post-dated. We're having some cash-flow problems. What? You already died during the 16-year court case? You want us to mail the check to your daughter, who lives in Limboville, Arkansas? Sorry, but damages are only paid to the next of kin at the time of the murder, uh, death."

In the AP piece, Senator Bill Frist is quoted. Frist has been a major force behind the smallpox vaccine plan. "The threat of lawsuits mustn't be a barrier to protecting the American people."

George Orwell just rolled over in HIS pine box.

Let's get a proper translation of Frist's remark. "Lawsuits seeking damage for deaths of Americans, deaths brought about by the government plan to vaccinate anyone who's still moving...these lawsuits must not be allowed to get in the way of injecting toxic substances into the bodies of Americans and killing them. The government must not be impeded in its effort to bring about flat brainwave charts. Flat brainwaves=protection. Death is, after all, the ultimate protection, because after THAT nothing can hurt you."

Another gem in the AP piece. Democrats are cited as being opposed to limits on lawsuits in general, while the Repubs are generally in favor of imposing limits. But no one from either side is making any noises about the vaccine provision in the Homeland Security Bill. In other words, the One Party Posing As Two is voting as One. Yeah.

Near the end of the AP piece, we learn that often the regrettable "side effects" of the vaccine occur because people touch the spot where the vaccine was injected, then touch another spot (like an eye). This faux pas spreads the virus. So it's the patient's fault. Nothing to do with vaccine itself, which is injected directly into the body, bypassing a number of normal immune defenses. I love it.

“What I’m asking, Mrs. Jones, is, was there a chance your late husband did actually touch his arm in the spot where the vaccine was injected, sixteen years ago? Is it possible? I know you don’t remember. But is it possible? For example, in the same way that it’s possible the Earth was formed out of a flaming star from the X65 galaxy. Answer the question. Can you prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that your husband DIDN’T touch his arm and thus spread the virus to his mouth?”

The AP piece indicates that any lawsuits which do fight their way to actual trial “would be tried in federal court using the appropriate state law.” I see. Sure. Mr. Jones lived (and died) in Utah, so the case will go to a federal court which will apply the laws about, what, vaccines, suits, auto accidents, shoplifting that apply in Utah? I’m SURE this process of applying state law to fed court will be VERY smooth and speedy. Uh huh. And since when do the feds have the right to try a case using laws that pertain to the individual states? “See, the laws in California, Governor Davis, are wonderful laws. It’s just that WE want to apply them. We don’t want YOU to apply them. We have more experience. We’re in charge of you, one might say. You’re a state and we’re a nation. Bigger is better. I believe that’s right there in the Constitution. And if it isn’t, we’re going to pretend it is. This is an EMERGENCY. We’re all under the gun. It’s all bin Laden’s fault, anyway. Nothing against you. You’re a good kid. Be nice. We don’t want to bring in the troops.”

And finally, nowhere in the AP story does the phrase “vaccine manufacturer” occur. That’s COMPLETELY beyond the pale. The drug company liable for its own vaccine? My good man, are you out of your mind? The company is just following government orders. The company is the hero in all this. People are getting the vaccine for nothing. The company is, well, being paid by the government, and as we all know, the government’s money has nothing to do with the people’s money.

PS. In case you think you can walk into a vaccine center and show your old smallpox scar and walk back out again, AP also reports, “Routine [smallpox] vaccinations ended in the United States in 1972, and experts believe [RUN when you hear that phrase] those last vaccinated more than three decades ago have little if any residual immunity.”

UPDATE: The American Association of Physicians and Surgeons is protesting another section of the Homeland Bill, a section which states that the executive branch of the federal government can order all citizens to take the smallpox vaccine, under penalty of quarantine and prosecution. As I predicted some months ago, this would be the federalizing of the CDC plan to get states to pass individual laws criminalizing citizen-refusals to accept the vaccine.

On yet another front, it appears that legislators debating the Homeland Bill have not read it. You might recall they didn’t read the USA Patriot Act when it was wending its way through the Congress.