

The Real ObamaCare Opposition

June 23, 2017

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky) has introduced a bill to compromise between the House's recent Affordable Health Care Act and the current "ObamaCare" Affordable Care Act. Though there seems to be some "what the heck, go with it" enthusiasm for it on Capitol Hill, it's not coming from Senators Rand Paul of Kentucky, Ted Cruz of Texas, Ron Johnson of Wisconsin and Mike Lee of Utah.

"Currently, for a variety of reasons, we are not ready to vote for this bill," their joint statement from yesterday reads.

*One of Capitol Hill's ongoing amusements has been to watch the **junior** Kentucky senator repeatedly pit himself against his state's **senior** member.*

Their objections? Well, they agree that there are "provisions in this draft that represent an improvement to our current healthcare system but . . ."

— and this is a big *but* —



"it does not appear this draft as written will accomplish the most important promise that we made to Americans: to repeal Obamacare and lower their healthcare costs." Their opposition, the *Boston Globe* tells us, puts the TrumpCare wannabe in jeopardy.

Dr. Rand Paul is the key figure in the opposition. One of Capitol Hill's ongoing amusements has been to watch the junior Kentucky senator repeatedly pit himself against his state's senior member — who, the *Globe* tells us, now threatens "to bring the bill to a vote next week even if he doesn't have the necessary votes."

Pressure tactics.

Which you need to put an obviously bad bill through Congress.

Too many mainstream Republican congressmen lack the courage of their constituents' convictions. They apparently do not really believe that a freed-up health care system and insurance market can work to the general good.

At least, not in time for the next election.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.