

## Hensarling: Washington uses 'gimmicks' to deceive Americans on health care

Last week in Washington, I tried to prevent Speaker Pelosi from adding another \$210 billion to the deficit in her march toward socialized health care in America. The House passed legislation that was in her original health care bill but was removed and considered on its own to disguise the real cost of her health care plan. This represents more of the same budget gimmicks Washington uses to deceive

the American people about the true costs of legislation. Here are a few of the other budget and savings gimmicks in the original government takeover bill: •The legislation's \$104 billion in deficit reduction projected over the next 10 years is achieved mainly through timing gimmicks and \$72 billion in savings from extraneous provisions. •The government-run plan does not start until 2013,

leaving much of its federal spending hidden from the 10-year budget window. •Less than 1 percent of the bill's \$1.05 trillion is spent in the first three years after the program starts, further masking the deficit impact. Pelosi promises her bill will lower health-care costs, but a new report by the Obama Administration found the Pelosi bill actually increases health-

care costs by \$289 billion over the next decade. All of this is on top of massive new spending, taxes and debt. Earlier this month, I introduced H.R.3964, the Spending, Deficit, and Debt Control Act of 2009, a bill that would put an end to the budget gimmicks, smoke and mirrors that Congress uses to hide the true cost of their government takeover of your health care.

We face an uphill battle, but we are dedicated to protecting the family budget from the explosive growth of the federal budget. Republican U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling serves the 5th District of Texas.

## Texas receives limited doses of H1N1 vaccine

The Texas Department of State Health Services in Athens has received limited doses of the H1N1 vaccine and will administer the vaccine to priority groups over the next few months.

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enza, health-care and emergency medical personnel who provide direct patient care, and household contacts of children 6 months old. Call 903-675-7742.

### TEXAS

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That is exactly what happened, although in not quite the fashion the pundit expected. As the only "liberal" candidate in the race, most expected Rainey to lead the field in the first primary, but in an upset it was Jester who captured the most votes, with Rainey second and forcing a runoff. Rainey faced the daunting task of changing the votes of people who probably voted as much against him as for other candidates. The inevitable result was a resounding victory

for Corsicana's Jester. Jester's victory changed the direction of Texas politics. During the Great Depression and even into 1944, the state's progressive forces had effectively challenged conservative dominance. A Rainey victory in the 1946 race would have perhaps signaled a political shift in Texas away from the state's typical southern conservatism. Jester's victory entrenched such ideas within the state, forcing the liberal forces to play "catch-up" for the next 20 to 30 years.


Jester would tragically die during his second term, but his even more conservative lieutenant governor, Allan Shivers, would rise to the governor's mansion and became perhaps the most powerful and influential governor in the state's history. The liberal faction of the state's Democratic Party would continue to challenge conservative hegemony, but they were never able to truly seize power. The conservatives had effectively won the "war after the war."

## Thank You

The family of Ron Shields wish to express their love and appreciation for your loving kindness and prayers during the loss of their loved one.

A special thanks to Rev. Gene Bishop of Shady Oaks, Joey Branch & family and his company of Brownsboro, to the Brownsboro Police Dept., the City of Brownsboro, Kilgore College, Athens Police Dept. and the Henderson County Peace Officers. We truly thank you, you are in our hearts and prayers, always.

**Amanda Jane Faulkner**  
Thanks for the love & memories  
and for being such an excellent example of the  
believer; in word, in conversation, in faith, in spirit,  
in charity and in purity.  
*1 Timothy 4:12*  
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