

Delay, Delay, Delay - Common political strategy to 'kill bills without saying so'

"The Republican Party is trying to kill health care reform, and anyone in politics knows delay delay delay is one good way to do it"

-Garnet Coleman, Houston Chronicle, 7/30/2009

"The typical Washington bureaucratic game of, if you don't have a better alternative, just delay in the hope that that kills something, is partly what is playing out here...But there are those who are *advocating delay just as a desperation move to try to kill this.*"

-White House budget director Peter Orszag, CNN 7/19/09

Republican, Conservative Groups Push Delay Effort

"The Republican National Committee will *engage in every activity we can to slow down* this mad rush while promoting sensible alternatives that address health care costs and preserve quality"

-RNC Internal Healthcare memo, 7/21/09 page 8

"Even voters who support a 'public plan' think Obama and Congress are moving too fast, with reckless speed, risking a huge part of our economy and our health care, when they don't know what reform would really bring. *If we slow this sausage-making process down, we can defeat it*, and advance real reform that will actually help.."

-RNC Polling memo by Alex Castellanos 7/13/2009

"We can *throw sand in the gears* of the government-run health care scheme...Let's rededicate ourselves by *derailing the plan* to give the federal government more power over our health care."

-Dick Arney, Freedomworks Healthcare Opposition Kit

"*Throw the kitchen sink* at the legislation now on the table, drive a stake through its heart, *and kill it.*"

-Conservative Columnist William Kristol, 7/20/09

"Let's do it smart, not fast,"

-Former Bush Chief of Staff Andy Card, 7/21/2009

"[GOP Senators John McCain and Mitch] McConnell called for Congress "to step back, start over *and think about incremental changes*" to the health care system"

-*GOP senators seek go-slow approach on health care*, AP 9/1/2009

Health Care Leaders Echo the Message

"*Believing that President Obama and Congress must slow down* and get health system reform right, the Texas Medical Association has launched the "Me and My Doctor, We Know Best" patient-physician action campaign. "

-Texas Medical Association front page website, www.texmed.org

"The priority should be, let's get it right, *not let's get it done fast.*"

-Dan Wolterman, CEO, Memorial Hermann Health Care System, Houston Chron 7/29/09

"Texas Medical Center leaders Monday sent a message to Congress as it tries to reform America's troubled health care system: *slow down*...Two said the process ought to take years, perhaps involving a series of bills." -Texas Medical Center leaders, Houston Chron, 7/29/09