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# Story of the year

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**Quote**

“ On what authority does a Cabinet secretary tell private companies to pay for services not in their plans and cover people not on their rolls? Where in Obamacare’s 2,500 pages are such high-handed dictates authorized? Does anyone even ask? The bill itself is simply taken as a kind of blanket warrant for HHS to run, regulate and control the whole insurance system. ”

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This item argues for the position [Act should not have been passed](#) on the topic [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](#).