



The Rez Of The Story

Know Your ‘Patient Rights’

BY VINCE TWO EAGLES

Hau Mitakuepi (Greetings My Relatives), I have often heard it said that “one’s health is priceless.” I gotta say, that I find this to be true irrespective of one’s culture, language or National Origin.

What we ought to know is that maintaining one’s health is mostly up to us. We should also note that knowing our rights and responsibilities as patients is also up to us and a healthy part of our well-being. The more we are empowered by knowledge, the higher our personal health will be.

Accordingly, our local Indian Health Service unit lists the following “Patient Rights.” It is obviously in our interest to get to know these rights as thoroughly as we can. The more we are informed the more effective we can be in advocating for our own personal health care. Therefore you have the right:

- To considerate and respectful care including a sensitivity, on the part of the provider, to Indian culture and heritage.
- To get all information concerning your health care from your physician.
- To have your privacy and dignity respected concerning your health care and medical management.
- To expect all communication, records, and other information about your care be kept CONFIDENTIAL.
- To expect reasonable safety within the facility.
- To know the physicians, nurses, and staff members responsible for your care.
- To discuss with your primary physician your diagnosis, treatment prescribed, prognosis of your illness, and any instructions required for follow-up care.
- To know the reason for various tests, treatments and procedures.
- To know the nature and risk of any procedure for which you have given consent.



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- To change your mind about any procedure for which you have given consent.
  - To refuse to sign consent until everything has been explained to your satisfaction.
  - To refuse treatment, referral, or transfer and to discuss the risks/consequences you take by doing so.
  - To refuse to participate in a medical training program or research project.
  - To request a consultation/second opinion from another physician or change physicians.
  - To expect reasonable continuity of care, to know in advance of appointment times available, physicians available, and follow-up care.
  - To request an interpreter if needed.
  - To have access to an established patient complaint/appeals procedure.
  - To seek consultation from our facility regarding ethical issues.
  - Any patient has the right to institute an ADVANCED DIRECTIVE and receive support or recognition of psychological and cultural implications for themselves and family.
  - To obtain and seek help concerning domestic violence and protective services.
  - To receive appropriate assessment of pain.
- If you feel any of these rights have been violated you should do the following: Contact the Tribe’s Health Director, Clarence Montgomery at (605) 384-3641 to file a formal complaint. They will instruct you as to what additional steps need to be taken if any.
- It would be a good idea to seek legal advice as soon as possible. These things can be very complex and far reaching to say the least.
- Finally, keep your wits about you, pay attention to detail and don’t let your emotions get the better of you.
- Also, there is another side to this coin, I’ll talk to you next week about that.
- Doksha (later),

Pierre Report

Appropriations: Hearing The Requests

BY STATE SEN. TOM JONES  
D-District 17 (Viborg)



Jones

We’re now well into committee work in our Appropriations Committee as we end the second week of the Session. The 38 days of the Legislature go by quickly. In addition to our regular committee meetings, and each day’s general session on the floor, this week there have been special briefings on the School Funding Formula and the problems in the Black Hills with the Mountain Pine Beetles. Last week there was another special briefing on Medicaid Expansion. Legislators have important decisions to make on all of these issues.

Two things that I’ve noticed that each of the six departments that we have heard from has in common when they present their request for their portion of the state budget are: 1) they are all asking for more money than what our governor has proposed in his budget proposal; and 2) they all have good reasons for asking for more money. Once again, our job is to prioritize the money requests and suggest to the legislature how the monies should be appropriated.

- School Funding — You will hear me continue to mention the need to fund schools and back-fill from the cuts of two years ago. I believe that providing adequate funding for South Dakota’s public schools is the No. 1 public policy issue of this session. The goal of the funding formula which originated in 1997 is equity among school district, so we don’t have great disparity between property rich and property poor districts. Almost all states have a similar goal and funding formula, although South Dakota lags behind almost all states in the amount it puts into the formula. Even with the one-time dollars which were appropriated for the formula last year, schools receive \$4,521 per student during the 2012-13 school year. Back in the 2007-08, the funding formula was \$4,529. That’s \$8 less per student than five years ago! There is no other part of the state government’s budget which can say that it is receiving less than five years ago.
- Medicaid Expansion — Earlier this week, legislators attended briefings on the proposed Medicaid ex-

pansion, which I support. Medicaid is one of the largest healthcare insurers in South Dakota. Most of the people covered in our state under Medicaid are children. In fact, 69 percent of the current Medicaid recipients are children and 31 percent are adults. Disabled adults and low-income parents qualify for Medicaid. Many of our nursing home residents qualify for Medicaid. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) allows the states to expand coverage to those adults who qualify if they are at 138 percent of the poverty level. (Children are already covered whether or not we expand Medicaid). The population affected would be South Dakota’s working poor who do not typically receive health insurance through their employer. If states choose to expand Medicaid, the federal government will cover 100 percent of the costs from 2014 to 2016. The feds’ contribution will begin to decrease in 2017, but will never be less than 90 percent, under the ACA. This expansion would bring close to \$200 million in federal money to South Dakota to care for those in need, make our citizens healthier, and keep them out of more expensive emergency care. Arizona recently announced that it will provide the Medicaid expansion to its citizens.

- Economic Development — After voters rejected Referred Law 14, the Republican Legislature’s plan for taxpayer-funded giveaways to large out-of-state corporations, Democrats and Republicans are coming together to create economic development programs that support all South Dakota businesses, entrepreneurs and workers — without draining your general fund dollars. The Legislature is looking at expanding our housing stock for new workers, providing workforce training scholarships, and investing in our infrastructure. Please feel free to contact me with your ideas. We want economic development to work for you.

I invite you to contact me with your questions and concerns. I may be reached via my e-mail: sen.jones@state.sd.us .

of Yankton, for picking our name to win the “Warming Hearts Furnace Giveaway”!

What an awesome Christmas surprise that was! Words cannot describe how grateful we are! God is good!

YOUR LETTERS

A Great Surprise

Daniel and Mary Wiebelhaus, Fordyce, Neb.

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OPINION | OUR VIEW

Gun Issue: Is This Time Different?

This time, it may be different.

This time, in the wake of another terrible mass shooting, the dialogue on gun violence in America may not be allowed to fade away so easily or conveniently. This time, it may have to be confronted at long last.

All these possibilities came into focus last week when President Obama announced the findings and recommendations on a task force put together in the wake of last month’s ghastly Newtown, Conn., school slaughter. Besides announcing new legislative efforts to re-institute an assault weapons ban, the president signed 23 executive orders that require no congressional action and can, in some instances, be implemented immediately.

Overall, the president went further and bigger than most people expected he would. What was anticipated were sympathetic words decrying gun violence and then a few mollifying gestures that would likely be forgotten.

But not this time.

The critics of Obama’s plan generally responded with predictable hyperbole. The key to this will be, as it has always been, how many people will swallow the belief that any effort to tighten regulations on firearms in this country is tantamount to “taking away your guns.” Such scare tactics have been effective in terrifying lawmakers and mobilizing enough people to think their liberties are under attack via any attempt whatsoever to regulate — or well regulate, to borrow from the Second Amendment — their right to bear arms.

It’s been said that the effort to revive the assault weapons ban may well face an uphill battle in Washington. However, polls show that the public is now more open to some tighter gun regulations. This may put several lawmakers into a vise: They can try to still curry favor with gun rights groups, which tend to have a strong voice in primaries and even mid-term elections, or they can look to the broader public polls that tell them something else. These lawmakers may not be in enviable positions.

The president’s executive orders, which some are deriding as unconstitutional and a power grab — with a few lawmakers even rattling sabers about impeachment — offer more material for debate.

Generally, these proposals make sense, and not all of them are about firearms: Four of the points are specifically about mental health care, for instance.

Meanwhile, other points address firearms safety. Another point allows the Centers for Disease Control to do research on the causes and prevention of gun violence; Congress, at the urging of the National Rifle Association, forbid this back in 1996. Some orders promote further coordination of information. More controversially, one point clarifies that the Affordable Health Care Act doesn’t prohibit doctors from asking patients about guns in their homes, and another affirms that there is no federal law that prohibits health care providers “from reporting threats of violence to law enforcement authorities.” The latter two, which have reportedly draw considerable ire, don’t change any laws but instead clarify them.

One order names a director for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), an agency which helps enforce gun laws but has been neutered by lawmakers in recent years. It could be argued that the results of that maneuver haven’t exactly been productive.

Overall, these recommendations and executive orders make clear that it’s time to have a rational discussion about America’s gun violence, as well as the issues tied to them. Perhaps it’s time to quit exempting guns as even being considered as a contributing factor in gun violence. Something is wrong with that picture. Something isn’t working. We must have the strength to admit it and address it.

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ONLINE OPINION

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the *Press & Dakotan*’s Web site are as follows:

LATEST RESULTS:

Would you support a new opt-out attempt by the Yankton School District?  
No .....62%  
Yes .....32%  
Not sure .....6%  
**TOTAL VOTES CAST .....838**

*The Press & Dakotan Internet poll is not a scientific survey and reflects the opinions only of those who choose to participate. The results should not be construed as an accurate representation or scientific measurement of public opinion.*

CURRENT QUESTION:

Should Congress extend the federal debt limit?

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TODAY IN HISTORY

**By The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 22, the 22nd day of 2013. There are 343 days left in the year.

**Today’s Highlights in History:** On Jan. 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its Roe v. Wade decision, legalized abortions using a trimester approach. Former President Lyndon B. Johnson died at his Texas ranch at age 64.

**On this date:** In 1498, during his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus arrived at the present-day Caribbean island of St. Vincent.

In 1901, Britain’s Queen Victoria died at age 81.

In 1912, the Florida Keys Over-Sea Railroad, which connected the Keys with the mainland, went into service.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson pleaded for an end to war in Europe, calling for “peace without victory.” (By April, however, America also was at war.)

In 1922, Pope Benedict XV died; he was succeeded by Pius XI.

In 1938, Thornton Wilder’s play “Our Town” was performed publicly for the first time in Princeton, N.J.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy.

In 1953, the Arthur Miller drama “The Crucible” opened on Broadway.

In 1968, the fast-paced sketch comedy series “Rowan & Martin’s Laugh-In” premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1973, a Boeing 707 chartered by Nigeria Airways crashed while attempting to land at Kano International Airport; 176 of the 202 people aboard were killed. George Foreman upset reigning heavyweight champion Joe Frazier with a second round TKO in their match in Kingston, Jamaica.

In 1984, the Los Angeles Raiders defeated the Washington Redskins 38-9 to win Super Bowl XVIII (18), played at Tampa Stadium in Florida. (The game broadcast on CBS-TV featured Apple Computer’s famous “1984” ad introducing the Macintosh computer.)

In 1998, Theodore Kaczynski pleaded guilty in Sacramento, Calif., to being the Unabomber in return for a sentence of life in prison without parole.

**Ten years ago:** Countering blunt talk of war by the Bush administration, France

and Germany defiantly stated they were committed to a peaceful solution to the Iraq crisis. Opponents and supporters of abortion rights rallied on the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade ruling.

Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Bill Mauldin, who’d immortalized World War II soldiers with his characters Willie and Joe, died in Newport Beach, Calif., at age 81.

**Five years ago:** Actor Heath Ledger, 28, was found dead of an accidental prescription overdose in a New York City apartment. Jose Padilla, once accused of plotting with al-Qaida to blow up a radioactive “dirty bomb,” was sentenced by a U.S. federal judge in Miami to 17 years and four months on other terrorism conspiracy charges. Republican Fred Thompson quit the race for the White House after a string of poor finishes in early primary and caucus states.

**One year ago:** Longtime Penn State coach Joe Paterno, who’d won more games than anyone in major college football but was fired amid a child sex abuse scandal that scarred his reputation, died at age 85. The New England Patriots beat the Baltimore Ravens 23-20 in the AFC championship game. The New York Giants defeated the San Francisco 49ers 20-17 in the NFC championship game.

**Today’s Birthdays:** Former Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., is 85. Actress Piper Laurie is 81. Actor Seymour Cassel is 78. Author Joseph Wambaugh is 76. Actor John Hurt is 73. Singer Steve Perry is 64. Country singer-musician Teddy Gentry (Alabama) is 61. Movie director Jim Jarmusch is 60. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Mike Bossy is 56. Actress Linda Blair is 54. Actress Diane Lane is 48. Actor-rap DJ Jazzy Jeff is 48. Country singer Regina Nicks (Regina Regina) is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Gay (Shai) is 44. Actor Gabriel Macht is 41. Actor Balzhazar Getty is 38. Actor Christopher Kennedy Masterson is 33. Pop singer Willa Ford is 32. Actress Beverley Mitchell is 32. Rock singer-musician Ben Moody is 32. Actress Sami Gayle (TV: “Blue Bloods”) is 17.

**Thought for Today:** “Advertising has done more to cause the social unrest of the 20th century than any other single factor.” — Clare Boothe Luce, American author, politician and diplomat (1903-1987).

FROM THE BIBLE

*Every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God. Romans 14:11.* Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis

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