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Richardson on the health program
- The Vice President
- Background
- Reform
- Study
- Proposals
  - Range of opinions
- The President’s position
  - Reforms
    - Effectiveness
  - Past social programs
- Socialized medicine
  - Compared to United States’ medical system
- Richardson’s program
  - Details

The President left at 8:48 am

- Administration recommendations on Capitol Hill
- Improvements
- Richardson’s trip to New York
- Health programs
  - Goals
  - Problems in present system
- Approach
  - Emphasis on quality
- Improvements in United States’ health care
  - Maternal deaths
    - Rate
    - Decline
    - United States’ rate compared to other nations
      - Reporting system
- Data on health
  - Differences in reporting system
- Low-income people
  - Whites
  - Non-whites
- Mortality rates
  - Figures
- Resource allocation
  - Rural areas
    - Availability of care
  - Catastrophic care costs
- Prevention
- Problems
-Solutions
-Major health care problems
  -Approach
-National health insurance
-Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy’s program
  -Diversity
    -Freedom of choice
  -Regulation
  -Health care system
    -Emphasis on prevention
-Administration proposal
  -Health maintenance organizations [HMOs]
  -Medicare recipients
    -Comprehensive care
  -Fixed prices on care
    -Doctors’ charges
  -Interest groups
    -Medical societies
    -Foundations
  -Fixed prices
    -Advantages to government recipient
-General practitioners
-Specialists
  -Government encouragement
  -Legislative proposals
  -Insurance options
  -Financial assistance
    -Medical schools
-Legal obstacles
  -Supremacy clause of Constitution
  -Antiquated state laws
  -Use of paraprofessionals
-Regional scarcities
  -Reasons
    -Rural and inner city areas
  -Teaching hospitals
  -Manpower problems
-Solutions
  -Family health centers
    -Location
    -Expansion
    -Training
- HMOs
- Support
- National Health Service
  - Public Health Service
  - Draft exemptions
- Teaching clinics with medical schools
- Reform of medical education system
- Financial distress aid
- Primary care specialists
  - Decline in number
- Reform of medical system
  - Administration proposals
    - Increased funds for medical schools
    - Role of federal government
- Medical school costs
  - Students
  - Federal government relief
  - Grants to school
- Medical schools/education
  - Graduates
  - Curricula
- Government funding
  - Formula
    - American Medical Association [AMA]
    - Number of graduates
- Special projects grants
- Minority students
  - Scarcity areas
  - Scholarships
  - Loans
    - Guarantees
    - Forgiveness of loans
- Allied health personnel
  - Responsibilities
  - Training
- Scarcity areas
  - Loans to physicians
    - Primary care
- Forgiveness provisions
  - Problems
- Construction grant programs
- Preventive health program
- Doctor-patient partnership
- Education programs
- Research
  - Cancer
  - Sickle-cell anemia
  - Accident prevention
  - Venereal disease
  - Alcoholism
  - Family planning
- Community health
- National health insurance
  - The President’s proposals
  - Standards
  - Minimum levels
    - Coverage
    - Catastrophic provisions
    - Private sector
- Coverage
  - Deductibles
- Costs to employees/employers
  - Deductibles
    - Stress on awareness of cost
- Employee contributions
- Tax system
  - Impact on health plans
  - Incentives for employers
  - Deductions
  - Anomalies
- Tax questions
  - Problems
- Employee contributions
  - Incentives
    - Collective bargaining
- Impact on business
- Number eligible
  - Costs
  - Business expenditures
- Costs
  - Increases
    - Small business
      - Impact
- Alternatives
- Federal employees
  - Low option choice
  - Costs
- Small business
  - Exemptions
  - Subsidies
  - Costs
  - Impact
- Private plans
  - Number enrolled
- Dilemmas of HEW proposals
- Costs
  - Low-income people
- Small businesses
  - Impact of national plan
- Working poor
  - Coverage
- Unemployed
  - Coverage
- Medicare
  - Working poor
  - Disincentives
- Self-employed people
- Problems with national plan
- Modifications in the President’s plans
  - Actuarial calculations
- Cost calculations
- Catastrophic coverage
- Richardson
- Stans
  - Concerns
- Problems
  - Cost
    - Coverage
    - Small business
- Employee
  - Current plans
    - Disincentives
- Misuse of system
  - Prevention
- Alternative to federal take-over
-Increasing health costs
-Tax bill
  -Income taxes
  -Social Security
-Federal responsibility
  -Family coverage
  -Eligibility
  -Welfare families
    -Children
-Uniformity
-Deductibles
-Private plans
-State supplements
-Expense of federal program
  -Limitations
-Consolidation of Medicare programs
  -Premiums
-Medicare
  -Deductibles
    -Reasons
-Deductibles to new programs
-Tax structure
  -Deductibles
    -Medicare/Medicaid
      -Effect on costs
-Problems in health insurance plan
  -Public acceptance

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The Vice President and unknown people left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm; unknown people remained

Health insurance
  -Cable television
  -Exemptions
  -Public Health Service
    -Expansion
    -Use of draft
  -Legislation
  -Public Health Service
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