

Re: HB 5326



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An overdose is the opposite of a dignified death,
and all the euphemisms used by the
assisted suicide advocates cannot
change this fact.

Compassionate aid in dying is unquestionably
assisted suicide.

Don't prescribe death; focus end of life
medicine on state of the art palliative care.

From Psalm 23 "He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake."

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Checker—was mercifully short-lived. It had been undertaken in a misbegotten effort to strengthen the dollar.)

Only a handful of economists, most notably FORBES columnist David Malpass, have pointed out that this monetary version of price controls is a form of credit allocation. The federal government easily got all the cash it wanted at ultracheap rates, i.e., deficits without tears. Big companies had no trouble accessing credit and putting their balance sheets in pristine order. But credit to small and new businesses dried up, a drought magnified enormously by bank regulators who told their charges to reduce risk and to document six ways to Sunday any loans to a nonbig borrower. Remember, small and new businesses are the source of most new jobs. Through its quantitative easings the Fed effectively sucked up much of the financial market's short-term credit that normally would have gone to these businesses.

Malpass observes: "The U.S. private sector has been facing one of the tightest money/regulatory policies in history."

The fact that the Fed has started to taper, albeit at a tepid pace, is good news. It will mean the beginning of rebuilding our warped credit markets.

There are two other, very obvious factors that explain why there has been no explosion in higher consumer prices. One is higher taxes and an ever more convoluted and corrupt tax code; the other is the chaotic uncertainty that ObamaCare has visited on business and the American people.

The suppression of interest rates has been mimicked by other countries, with equally distressing results. These have been magnified by even stupider regulations and higher levels of taxation than those we suffer.

(Make no mistake, the Fed's undermining of the dollar since the early part of the last decade has wrought immense havoc. For instance, without a weak dollar there would never

have been a housing bubble.)

Of course, since virtually no central banker today—not to mention political leaders or economists—understands monetary policy, an inflation disaster could still eventually unfold. For now, though, credit suppression of a kind we've never seen before and growth-crushing levels of taxation and regulation will keep us from enjoying vigorous, sustainable growth.

So don't get too giddy over our "improving" economy. We're not suffering pneumonia, but we're still being worn down by a persistent flu.

HitlerCare

Belgium is on its way to allowing doctors, with parental consent, to kill children deemed to be afflicted with "constant and unbearable physical suffering." The kids must also sign off on this, as if a child has the capacity to reason like an adult.

We are on the malignantly slippery slope to becoming a society like that envisioned by Nazi Germany, one in which "undesirables" are disposed of like used tissue. While the Nazis carried this ideology of death to its ghastly logical conclusion, the belief that it would be good for the human race to improve itself—as breeders do with horses, dogs, cows and other animals and plants—was also widespread in numerous other countries, including the U.S., before WWII. It was called eugenics, and under its banner countless hundreds of thousands of people, particularly those deemed mentally handicapped, were forcibly sterilized to prevent them from fathering or birthing children. Before the war Nazi Germany killed upwards of 8,000 children judged to be "mentally deficient" or incurably ill.

The Holocaust and other Nazi atrocities sidetracked the eugenics movement. But now it's making a comeback in new garb—we want to kill only to reduce suffering.

Several countries already allow adult euthanasia. In Holland, which legalized

the practice in 2002, it was suspected that doctors and hospital administrators were occasionally killing patients to free up hospital beds. Procedures have (supposedly) been tightened. Belgium also passed a euthanasia law in 2002, and Quebec is about to enact one.

Of course, advocates claim they only want to end the misery of those writhing in unspeakable pain. But this raises the question: Why don't we do more medically to relieve such suffering?

The number of adults euthanized in Belgium soared 25% between 2011 and 2012; the annual toll is now seven times what it was when the law was enacted and accounts for 2% of all deaths. A similar percentage in the U.S. would result in more than 50,000 killings. To put this in perspective, the total number of people murdered each year in the U.S. is about 16,000. In Holland euthanasia officially accounts for 3% of deaths (proportionately that would be 75,000 in the U.S.), but in practice, the percentage is far higher.

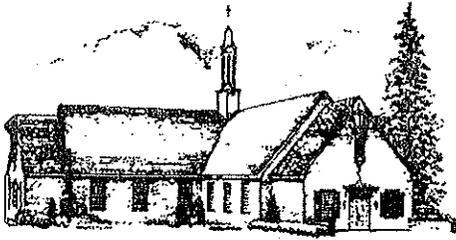
And now we're on the way to killing children in the name of compassion.

As euthanasia becomes more accepted—and we become more numb to the horror of murdering people like this—we'll descend to the next abomination: pressuring the sick to discontinue treatment for a likely fatal illness in the name of "saving scarce resources" for people who have more years ahead of them. After all, an enormous percentage of medical costs are wracked up by people who have less than six months to live. Britain already has its own version of a death panel, which has a formula for determining who gets expensive treatment and who doesn't.

Let's be clear: We're not talking about adults deciding they don't want "heroic" methods applied when they're suffering a fatal illness; we're talking about the conscious taking of a life by people who are trained to cure us of illness.

The true mark of a civilization is in how it treats its most vulnerable members. **F**

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I am urging members of the Public Health Committee to vote "No" on HB 6645. We are called by our creator to protect the dignity of human life not simply dispose of it at the discretion of our own desires or that of another. The dignity of human life comes from our Creator and we are subject to His natural law. To end life artificially goes against natural law and does not result in a "dignified death". To take life is not ours to choose in any circumstance including abortion and the death penalty. Life is a gift and we must allow the natural law to determine our time of death. Medication to help relieve pain and suffering is certainly a justified means, but relieving suffering by means that cause death is not the mark of a civilized society. We, as a society, are better than what this bill offers. We are capable of creating end of life comfort for the elderly and sick through science and technology. Simply ending life at will undermines our capacity to advance in end of life care. It is the easy way out, but not the moral or virtuous way. Please vote no on this bill and stop our great state from becoming a place where life has lost its dignity.

Sincerely

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