In the 1st 10 months from my position as minority chair of the House H + W Committee, I have had trouble believing ~~have been appalled~~ that our current administration that included Harris Wofford even cared about health care, let alone the people who need it. Examples —

Earlier this year, during the war in the Persian Gulf, this administration took pension benefits out of the pockets of disabled veterans and veterans widows in nursing homes. It was my responsibility as a leader and as a citizen, grateful to those who have defended our country to lead the campaign to stop this injustice.

Just a few wks ago, before Oct 1st — I received a phone call from a constituent, the owner of a small home health care business. She informed me that this administration interpreted the new sales tax law to include home health care as being included in the 6% sales tax. This imposed a tax on the most vulnerable in our society the elderly and disabled who receive their care under Medicaid & Medicare. After introducing corrective legislation and holding a news conference Rep Pat Vance and I were successful in having this tax revoked!

Positive action on my part as minority chair -is
Introduction of HB 729 "Health Insurance Demonstration Act".
Reported out of Insurance Comm. — Sets forth
4 pilot demonstration projects in an effort to ~~access~~ demonstrating the
cost effectiveness of ~~providing~~ health insurance.
~~Selection of the best health care insurance plan for the~~

~~Commonwealth.~~

Sharon talk

1. Coverage for primary health care + preventive services
2. Coverage for in patient health care services
3. a managed health care program
4. a medical assistance buy in.

Cong. Dan Rostenkowski - (D. Ill) "Attempting to legislate now would be a
terrible mistake. It would delay by years the reforms we agree are needed"
"What people want is unlimited access to the physicians + hospitals of their
choice with the bills paid by someone else — the sad fact is there is no health
health fairy — and there is no way we can achieve that unrealistic goal without ~~that~~ a health fairy