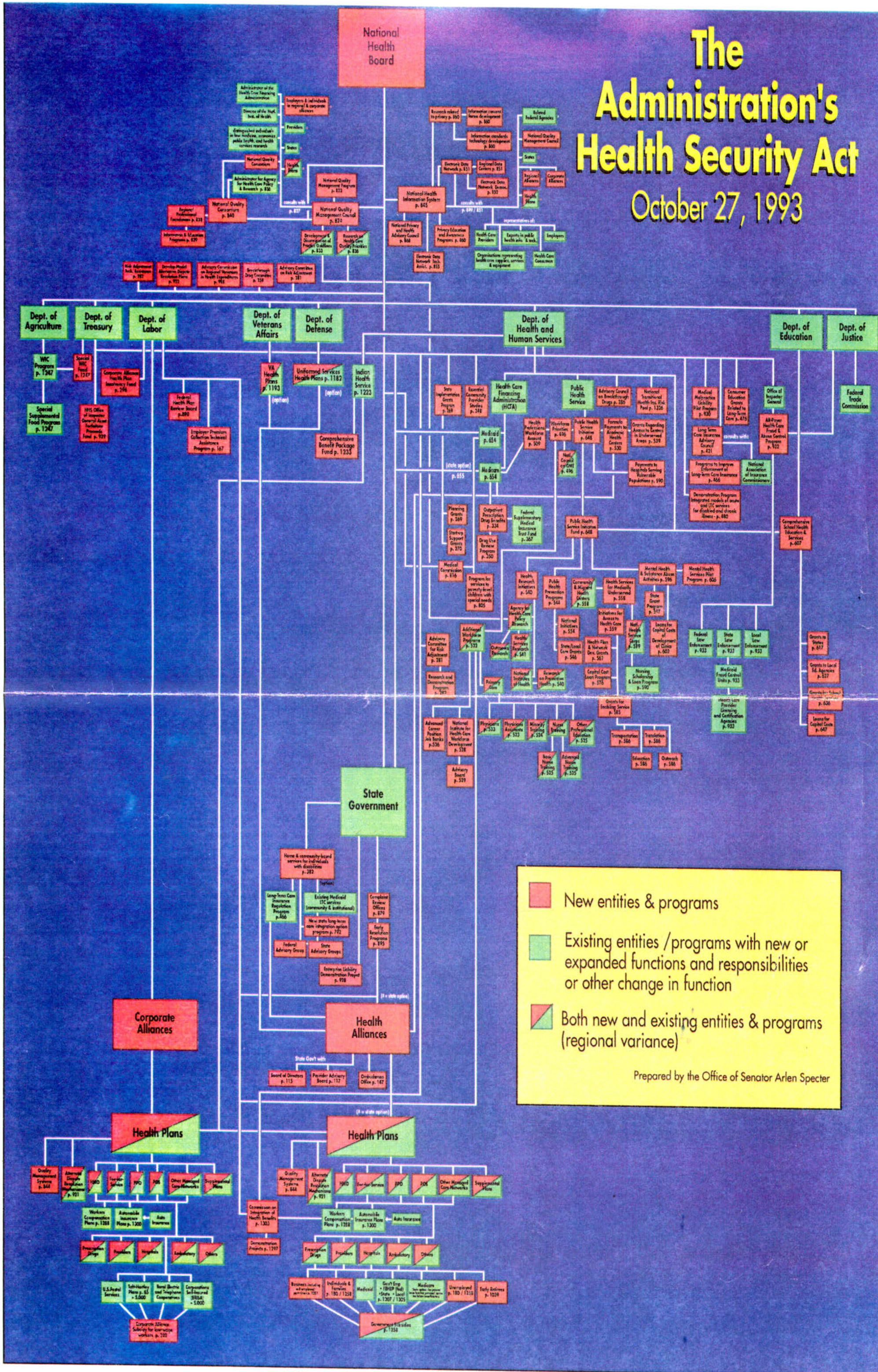


The Administration's Health Security Act

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The "Republican Chart"

- ◆ This chart is just ridiculous-- it looks a little like the New York City subway system, but nothing like the President's health plan.
- ◆ The opponents of change can take any initiative -- including their own health care proposals -- and make up all sort of boxes to try to distort it and confuse people on charts like this. **The chart is inaccurate, and has no bearing at all on how Americans would see the health care system under reform.**
- ◆ What would the health care system look like? Most Americans would get a brochure from their company offering a choice of different health plans, they'd pick a plan, pay their premium, and go to the same doctors and hospitals they always have. They'd have clearly defined benefits, and only one form to fill out. That's it.
- ◆ But what [Senator Dole] has done here is tried to confuse all the different things an office could be called on to do with the actual number of offices and programs.
- ◆ Their red boxes represent new initiatives to improve health care quality and choice under reform. For example they have more than ten boxes for different medical research projects. Well it's true, we're for research. They can call new research efforts to combat diseases like breast cancer ten new bureaucratic boxes; we call it good medical care.
- ◆ They have a box for better educating older Americans about long-term care choices. A box for nursing scholarships to help train a world class health care workforce. A box for new coverage of prescription drugs under Medicare. A box for fighting fraud and abuse. A box for hospitals, a box for doctors, a box for everything that makes the health care system work.
- ◆ It's as if someone wanted to oppose electricity by arguing that you need lots of different wires, different fuses, different sockets and different switches just to make it work. All that really matters is, when you turn a switch, does the light goes on?
- ◆ They also put boxes for reforms they have proposed in their own health care plans-- boxes for community health centers, which Senator Chafee is promoting; boxes for prevention programs, which Senator Specter has sponsored; and boxes for primary care training, which Senator Dole has been talking about for 20 years.
- ◆ If [Senator Dole's] goal is to help educate their constituents, he should be ashamed of himself. He should be helping people understand our broken health care system, and how reform would effect families, not confusing them with misleading charts. We hope that in the coming months we can get away from the distortions and back to the real issues-- guaranteed private insurance for every American at prices they can afford.