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Looking into the dictionary I see the word "kook" defined as one whose ideas or actions are eccentric, fantastic, or insane. A synonym for kook is screwball. That's what it is says. After looking it up and after hearing the recent announcement of all the delays in the infamous federal legislation known as Obamacare I feel safe in proclaiming the former Speaker of the House a complete kook.

Nancy Pelosi, a democrat from California, was the Speaker of the House when the infamous Obamacare legislation made its way through the democrat controlled halls of Congress. In a mad rush to pass the behemoth law Pelosi found the best way to get members of Congress to vote for its passage was not to seek explanation or understanding but to persuade others that reading the bill was not required. Here is what Pelosi said a few years ago: "But we have to pass the bill so you can find out what is in it, away from the fog of controversy."

In other words, just pass the bill and worry about what's in it later. Unfortunately for America, that is exactly what the democrats did because at the time they had all the power to do so. And if this is not the height of kookiness then I don't know what is. I remember insurance agents telling me that their phones were ringing off the wall a few days after the law passed with calls from policyholders telling them to cancel their health insurance since people were now "covered" by the government. One reason the public did not understand the content of Obamacare, and still doesn't, is because Congress and our own government have no stinking idea what it's all about.

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To show you how bad this whole idea is the Obama administration helped us celebrate the Fourth of July weekend by releasing a 606 page regulation on some of Obamacare's key provisions. Much of this was a mountain of information as to the workings of Medicaid expansion and health insurance marketplaces. The colossal publication also announced many delays in parts of the legislation. One report I read said the word "delay" was used 45 times in the 606 page publication. An example of a delay...originally the government said it would handle the difficult chore of monitoring claims by applicants that did not receive employer-sponsored insurance. But that has now changed. It seems like the government has cold feet about that job and declares that to be too tough a task right now. One of the results of this is that the states running their own marketplaces will not be required to do this critical check until 2015. Obamacare provides tax credits for those that do not get employer-sponsored health so that they may purchase individual plans. Without the verification an avenue is now open for fraud and there may be people getting tax credits who don't really need them.

Of course it was not important to read the law before Congress passed it. At least that's what the kook said.

The 606 page publication comes after the White House announced that the individual mandate, which requires people to have insurance coverage in 2014 or face penalties is delayed. Perhaps the most essential aspect of the law was delayed and now a ton of other stuff is delayed. A health care expert from a major university testified before Congress recently and explained the situation this way: "The administration right now is in a triage mode. Seriously, they do not have the resources to implement all of the provisions on time."

Sounds like someone didn't think this through. Wait, maybe some kook told us not to read it and just do it. I bet that's what happened.

But why should I expect anything else. I look at the democrats on the federal level and I look at the republicans here in Alabama, and what do I see? Crazies and kooks. Neither think anything through. It's always a mad rush to pass legislation to give away something to get more votes for the next election or to have iron clad rules to control the individual lives of citizens.

It is not original but let me end with the old saying once used to describe both political factions. "There ain't a dimes worth of difference between the two."