

# Health Care at the Brink

This weekend we will know whether the American people will be saddled with a fiscal nightmare for decades to come, or will escape relatively unscathed. We will also know whether we will take the first deadly step down a slippery slope that will lead to social engineering on a massive scale. We most certainly will know whether Americans will be forced to subsidize the killing of innocent human life. If all that isn't enough to make a healthy man vomit, we will know whether we have entered a stage that Tocqueville warned about in the early 19th century—a condition known as democratic despotism. Finally, the fact that they have chosen to deliberate all this madness on a Sunday—in a nation where 8 in 10 are Christian—is an affront to the religious sensibilities of most Americans. A more shameless gang would be hard to find.