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The “Marketplace” Deception

I have a breathtaking example of legislative deception. There is an Obamacare health insurance exchange bill at the Minnesota legislature. But unless you knew what to look for, you would never know this is an exchange bill. In fact, the bill is called the Minnesota Insurance Marketplace Act.

There is not one mention of the exchange. There is not one mention of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The word “government” is in the bill twice, and the word “federal” is in the bill only six times, including when it says the marketplace should enter into data-sharing agreements with state and federal agencies. But this so-called marketplace must be in operation on the exact day Obama’s exchange must be operating.