NOTHING NEW by Bill Hobby

Some things never change. Sixty years ago President Eisenhower asked my mother, Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Oveta Culp Hobby, to draft a bill providing all Americans with medical care similar to that available for members of the armed forces.

Mother was in the gallery the night that the House debated the bill. She watched Republican Majority Leader Charles Halleck lurch drunkenly around the House floor lining up votes to defeat President Eisenhower's bill.

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