EXHIBIT 7

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Mr. Vandenbroek. WKZO time, 1:26.

Let me set this up briefly. I spoke with Congressman Nick Smith on Monday. This is right after the President visited Detroit and Dearborn. I have not edited this tape. In the midst of it, you will hear the quality change. That is because he went from a digital phone service to an analog phone service. You all know what that's like. But here now, unedited, Nick Smith:

Now, just last week the controversial bill passed, the health care bill passed the Congress. Have kind of the axes been buried? Is everybody just kind of make up and move on? How did you communicate with the President about the vote from last week?

Mr. Smith. When civility -- when civility breaks down and arm twisting gets so serious -- Kevin, here is sort of what happened. If the bill gets on the floor and and it's up for a vote and they start the vote, the prestige of leadership is partially at stake if the vote doesn't succeed for the Majority. And that's what happened in this case. They didn't have the votes.

I had voted against -- last year and last spring against the prescription drug add-on provisions that -- that's gonna

cost a heck of a lot of money. And the arm twisting was probably as strong as I've ever seen it in my 16 years in the Michigan legislature and my 11 years in Congress.

They threatened -- here's what they did. They -- they -- they started out by offering the carrot. They know what's important to every Member and what's important to me is my family and my kids. And I term-limited myself, and so Bradley, my son, is running for Congress. And so the first offer was to give him $100,000-plus for his campaign and endorsements by national leadership. And -- and I said, no, I'm going to stick to my guns on what I think is right for the constituents in my district.

And so what they did then is come -- come forth with sort of the stick. And they said, well, if you don't change your vote -- this is about 4 a.m., Saturday morning -- then some of us are going to work to make sure your son doesn't get to Congress. And that kind of personal attack is just sort of beyond what anybody should do. So I told them to get the heck out of there. And I might have used a different word besides "heck," I don't know. But it's -- it's a tough situation when civility breaks down.

Mr. Vandenbroek. A week later, are we seeing that we are getting back to more civil climes, more civil environments under the Dome?

Mr. Smith. Well, you know the leadership is -- they

talk -- when they scrunched me in between the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tommy Thompson, and the Speaker of the House, Denny Hastert, they talked about philosophy and principle and what this would mean policywise maybe in future years. And it's still, in terms of the tremendous increase in cost to future generations, it was a "no" for me.

It doesn't do that much for seniors. It will probably help in the election next year, but 3 and 5 years from now people are going to find out what's in the bill and they're gonna -- they're gonna start hurting and I think they are going to start blaming the people that voted for it.

Mr. Ford. It's 1:30 and Robert Ford in the 59-second local news update.

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