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This is Phil Arnot for community comment on K INS radio.

Well I know that I've talked a lot about judicial watch and their investigations into the corruption in our federal government but in a recent article in the Wall Street Journal by Luke Roslak, a senior watchdog reporter for the Washington Examiner he reports on expenditures that will curl your hair.

According to this article, records obtained by his newspaper under the freedom of information act show that health and human service executives spent \$31 million taking 7000 first-class and business-class flights between 2009 and 2013 including 253 trips for which a one-way ticket cost more than \$15,000. Half the records listed the price of a coach ticket for comparison for that portion alone, the upgrade boosted the cost by almost \$14 million, from 4.9 million to 18.5 million.

Federal employees are allowed to fly business or first class if the flight is longer than 14 hours but only 1400 of the 7000 flights met that description.

For the vast majority of the flights, around 5100, the government executives upgraded because they claimed they had a medical disability that necessitated it. Other executives cited exceptional security circumstances that no coach tickets were available, that a non-federal source was footing the bill, that first or business class was required because of the agency mission.

Then Sec. Kathleen Sibelius took 14 first or business class trips totaling \$56,000 including flights to and within India and from Paris to Vietnam.

And in the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services, which manages Obama care, they took 50 upgraded flights including a trip from Baltimore to a three-day conference in Phoenix where a first-class ticket cost \$3000 each way. On another equally expensive trip to Baltimore one of their executives said that first-class travel was required because of the agency's mission.

These health officials also flew business class from Charlotte North Carolina to Charleston South Carolina for \$1000 each way rather than drive three hours.

This is just one example of what has gone on under Obama care and with this administration. There has been no oversight and that includes flights taken by the president and his family.

I leave you with a point to ponder: while I am not in favor of anymore government agencies, don't you think that we should have one that investigates this widespread waste of our taxpayers dollars.

As the tea party express has stated have you been taxed enough already?

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