Politics of Health Policy: Yesterday and Today

Judith Miller Jones

This executive summary of Judith Miller Jones' remarks was prepared by Julie Snyder of the University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs. The remarks were given in the context of a panel presentation moderated by Jones, entitled "Politics of Health Policy: Yesterday and Today."

Jones began her remarks by saying what a personal pleasure and professional honor it was for her to be part of this conference. According to Jones, half the audience had helped teach her about health care and it was her hope that in her professional lifetime she would be able to educate as many people as had helped her. Regarding her panelists, she described William Fullerton's resume as modest as he is a person. Fullerton is a man of many talents. He is an amateur political scientist, economist, meteorologist, and a master gardener. To the majority of people, he is perhaps best known for his creation of the Green Book. Like Fullerton, Lawrence D. Brown is extremely modest. His breadth of writing and professional experience are matched by few and his knowledge and insight make him an essential player in this Medicare reform effort.