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They are proposing to let large corporations and wealthy individuals get vouchers to buy special privileges if they can afford to apply for so called humanitarian patents. Are they going to grade the patents for their value to humanitarian causes? As it stands now the patent office gives patents without deciding if the inventions are practical or if they will work.

Who is to decide if a translation machine that gives a religious phrase of the day and a nutrition table is more valuable than rice with extra vitamins in it?

Is bubble gum fortified with vitamins a humanitarian invention that entitles a big corporation to a voucher for special privileges?

If they invent vitamin capsules to drop into solar distillation systems does a cheap questionable invention like that entitle them to another extension privilege?

A big pharmaceutical company can buy a whole year extension on a valuable patent by putting 12 different vitamin packets into twelve different distillation kits that they patent.

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Changing the length of patent protection for big rich corporations that have the luxury of giving a few patents away is tantamount to letting them buy extra time with (possibly worthless) patents for other more valuable patents. Its a violation of the 14th amendment and the equal protection clause of the constitution. The length of protection should not be contingent on those factors. It should be the same for everybody.

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