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As of yesterday, an asterisk will need to be added to the Czech Constitution at the point where it guarantees free healthcare. A footnote will have to say in Clintonian fashion that it depends on how you define the word "free." The Court's implied definition is that free healthcare must be "less free" if too many people try to avail themselves of it, because there isn't enough "free-ness" to go around. Fees of Kč 30, Kč 60 or Kč 90 are merely various expressions of the reverse comparative form of the word "free," the Court suggests, while Kč 0 is the superlative form and equates to "absolutely, existentially free." Granted, this is a convoluted way to justify health fees that, constitutionally speaking, are unjustifiable. A cleaner way to resolve the issue would be to declare the word "free" unconstitutional. Just as there is no such thing as a free lunch, everyone knows there's no such thing as "free" healthcare anyway.



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