WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today issued the following statement regarding the formal introduction of the “card check” bill. The legislation would end secret ballot elections by requiring workers to publicly sign a card expressing their vote on forming a union.

Congressman Bachus said, “The right to cast a secret ballot should be as sacred in the workplace as it is on Election Day. Workers have rights, and one of them is to decide whether to join or choose not to join a union without the fear of being pressured or coerced. This should always be a matter of free choice and to make it otherwise is not fair to the worker or their employer, and violates one of the most basic rights all Americans share – the right to a secret ballot.”

Bachus is a cosponsor of The Secret Ballot Protection Act (H.R. 1176), which would protect a private worker vote on unionization.