

WASHINGTON - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today said that the "brazen vote-buying bazaar" being used to pass Senator Harry Reid's health care legislation raises serious legal and constitutional issues that should be investigated by Alabama State Attorney General Troy King and other state attorneys general.

Bachus sent a letter to King urging him to consider either single or collective legal action against discriminatory provisions that carve out special exemptions for states like Nebraska, Vermont, and Florida should the bill become law.

"This is more than pork barrel politics at its worst. The sweetheart provision exempting Nebraska from higher Medicaid costs in the bill would shift the burden to states like Alabama, which is already struggling to control exploding Medicaid expenses. This discriminates against our overburdened taxpayers. Florida would receive a special exemption for Medicare Advantage enrollees while our seniors in Alabama would face sharp cuts. One of the core questions raised is equitable treatment for all taxpayers, making it essential that this troubling legislation be evaluated from a legal and constitutional perspective," said Congressman Bachus.

Bachus voted against Speaker Nancy Pelosi's health care bill in the House of Representatives on November 7. The majority Democrats in the Senate and House are expected to hold a conference committee to reconcile differences in their legislation.

To view Congressman Bachus' letter, [click here](#).

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