

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (R-Vestavia Hills) today voted against a Democrat proposal for a government takeover of prescription drug prices. By a vote of 255-170, the House passed legislation that would replace private company negotiations over Medicare prescription drug prices with negotiations controlled by federal bureaucrats at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Bachus issued the following statement.

“The question is not whether to negotiate or not negotiate. It’s whether the government or private providers produce the best result for our seniors.

The government’s record of controlling costs is dismal. Under the Democrat proposal, which is modeled after the Veterans Administration prescription plan, hundreds of drugs now available to Medicare enrollees in Alabama would no longer be offered.

Senior citizens in our state are saving an average of \$1200 a year under the current program.

It shouldn't be tampered with for partisan political purposes.”

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