The following is the floor statement that Congressman Bachus delivered on March 21, 2010 on legislation that would empower the federal government to take over health care. Bachus voted no to the legislation.

"In our Declaration of Independence, our Forefathers declared that we are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights. The first is life. Yet this bill would permit the public funding of abortion in any number of programs to take an innocent life formed by our Creator within a matter of months, weeks, or even days. The very first act by our government on this innocent and defenseless life would be to end it. Our forefathers could not comprehend such an outrageous act. On this very day – March 21 – exactly 63 years ago, Chaplain Peter Marshall prayed on the floor of the Senate, 'Save us from accepting a little of what we know to be wrong to get a little of what we imagine to be right.' This is accepting a lot of what is wrong to accept some things that we imagine might be right. Let me close by again quoting a portion of the prayer Chaplain Marshall addressed to the Lord, our God: 'Help us to stand up for the inalienable rights of mankind…knowing that Thy Power and Thy Blessing will be upon us only when we are in the right. May we so speak, and vote, and live, as to merit Thy Blessing.'"