WASHINGTON (February 25) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) issued the following statement on the health care summit held today at the White House.

***"The important thing to me has always been what happens after the summit. The majority of Americans oppose a government takeover of health care. President Obama and the Democrats will pay a high price if they take a 'my way or the highway' approach and try to ram through a plan using parliamentary gimmicks. If we start with a clean slate, there are bipartisan solutions that would fix problems in our health care system. Republicans today offered a number of ideas addressing pre-existing conditions, buying insurance across state lines, tort reform, reducing waste and fraud, and making coverage more affordable. We could achieve a lot by focusing on those areas of agreement."***