

WASHINGTON (March 20) – Congressman Spencer Bachus is challenging the constitutionality of an arcane legislative procedure which the Democrat majority is trying to use to ram a government takeover of health through Congress.

Bachus said he believes the “Slaughter Solution,” which involves the use of a tricky deem-and-pass procedure to avoid a true up-or-down vote on the health care bill, violates Article I, Section 7 of the U.S. Constitution. He today wrote to State Attorney General Troy King asking him to explore all appropriate legal action to challenge the constitutionality of the legislation if it becomes law.

“Using this method would allow a takeover of one-sixth of the United States economy without a direct vote by Members of Congress and further erode public confidence in our government. The U.S. Constitution requires legislation to pass both houses of Congress and be signed by the President. ‘Deeming’ a bill to have passed without a direct vote is in contravention of Constitutional requirements. Certainly, the 13 original states did not use the ‘deem and pass’ method to ratify the Constitution,” Congressman Bachus said.

“Members of Congress should have the courage to stand and be counted on controversial legislation. Hiding behind arcane parliamentary trickery and slight-of-hand tactics demeans the process. The American people deserve more from those they send to Congress,” Bachus added.

Bachus on Thursday voted for a resolution that would have required a recorded House vote on the Senate health care bill that included the Cornhusker Kickback, the Louisiana Purchase, Gator Aid, and funding for abortion and benefits for illegal aliens. The sunshine provision was rejected by the Democrat majority.

[Click here](#) to view Congressman Bachus’ letter to Attorney General King.

