

WASHINGTON (April 9) – Health care reform, jobs, and terrorism were major topics during visits Congressman Spencer Bachus made throughout the Sixth District this week.

“One of the many problems with the new health care bill is that it does not control costs. Nothing has ever gotten cheaper with the government in charge. We need more competition in the system, not a monopoly where bureaucrats in Washington will make the decisions on what care you get and mandate funding for abortion even if it violates your values,” Bachus said.

With unemployment in Alabama still in the double digits, Congressman Bachus toured National Cement in Ragland and the Innovation Depot in Birmingham to discuss job creation.

“It’s the entrepreneurial spirit that will lift us out of this recession. We should focus on creating an environment where businesses can grow rather than adding to their costs with new health care and energy taxes and excessive regulations,” Bachus stated.

Bachus also described his recent visit to Afghanistan, which included a briefing by General Stanley McChrystal on the anti-insurgency strategy being used to fight terrorism.

“This is not just about Afghanistan, it’s about us. There are terrorists who want to kill us and it is a challenge every day to keep Americans safe. We need to thank our troops for the job they are doing,” Bachus said.

Congressman Bachus’ events included talks to the Tuscaloosa Rotary and West Alabama Chamber of Commerce, a St. Clair County breakfast, the Homewood/Mountain Brook Kiwanis Club, the Republican Women of Trussville, and the Clanton Lions Club; tours of the Innovation Depot, National Cement, the National Computer Forensics Institute, and the Hoover Library; meetings with Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox, Northport Mayor Bobby Herndon, and the West Jefferson Mayors Association; greeting U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency Director Lt. General Ronald Burgess at a Samford Business Network breakfast; the groundbreaking for the expansion of the Royal Pines Center operated by the Jimmie Hale Mission; and a ceremony in Warrior honoring Carnegie Hero Award recipient Derek Creel.

