Coffman Introduces Amendment to Put Congress on the Public Option

Keeps Promise to Constituents

(WASHINGTON D.C.) —Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) has introduced an amendment to H.R. 3962, the latest version of Speaker Pelosi's government takeover of health care, to require all Members of Congress and their dependents, as well as the President of the United States, to enroll in the "public option" health care program.

"You have to question why a bill filled with 3,425 federal mandates for ordinary Americans does not mandate Members of Congress to enroll in the public option," Coffman said. "If Congress is going to force this on the American people, they should use it themselves."

During numerous town hall meetings, constituents of Rep. Coffman called for all Members of Congress to be put on the public option health plan. Coffman promised to introduce an amendment to any bill including a public option plan, and this amendment directly reflects that promise.

"An amendment similar to mine was also offered in committee by my Republican colleagues, but was voted down by Democrats on a party line vote," Coffman stated. "It is shameful that Democrats could say this is good for the American people but not for us."

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