

This is the anti-Obamacare HCR referenced in Scott Largent's mailer which attacked Ed Emery. Note that this is not a bill - it's a non-binding resolution.

-- Contrary to Largent's false accusation, Ed Emery DID NOT stand with Obama.

-- Ed voted FOR the anti-Obamacare resolution.

-- What Ed Emery voted AGAINST was an amendment that weakened the resolution by promoting an unconstitutional solution.

-- The Democrats opposed the amendment because they opposed the whole HCR.

-- Ed Emery opposed the amendment because he does not want ANY government control of our healthcare, either from Obama or Republicans.

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HB 1581 through HB 1602 were read the second time.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Special Standing Committee on General Laws, Chairman Jones (89) reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Special Standing Committee on General Laws, to which was referred **HCR 18**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute**, and pursuant to Rule 25(32)(f) be referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

WHEREAS, the current health care proposal being debated in the United States Congress will raise federal taxes and force new taxes on Missourians, which are detrimental to Missouri's economy; and

WHEREAS, Missouri families and employers may be facing even more mandates that drive up costs if the United States Congress passes the current health care proposal; and

WHEREAS, the federal government's attempt to reform health care has overwhelmingly centered around increasing eligibility to health care, but not addressing important issues such as increasing access, provider rates or quality of care; and

WHEREAS, the current health care proposal might allow the expenditure of public funds for abortions; and

WHEREAS, the current health care proposal works a substantial change to longstanding practices governing end of life decisions; and

WHEREAS, there has been a complete lack of transparency during the final negotiations to craft this legislation and special deals have already emerged that are going to put Missouri at a disadvantage; and

WHEREAS, the unfunded mandates and special deals will place greater pressure on Missouri taxpayers and put funding for education, mental health services, public safety, and all other essential state services at risk:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby **urge our Missouri Congressional delegation to vote against the current health care proposal** and to further request that our elected statewide officials express their respective positions on the passage of the current health care proposal and send a unified message to our Missouri Congressional delegation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missouri General Assembly urge our elected statewide officials to review the constitutionality of the current health care proposal, which includes several special deals for other states, including the "Nebraska kickback"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor Jay Nixon, President Barack Obama, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

The Harris Amendment No. 1 went here. Ed Emery voted against the amendment because it weakened the resolution by suggesting that Congress replace Obamacare with another Federal healthcare scheme. Ed doesn't believe the federal government should be involved in our healthcare at all. Ed voted FOR the overall resolution.

After the amendment, it read "urge our Missouri Congressional delegation to vote against the current health care proposal and develop health care reform that is affordable and accessible to all legal residents.";