

## First Hurdle Cleared: House Passes Healthcare Reform! Fight now moves to the Senate; Keep the Calls Going

Late Saturday evening the U.S. House of Representatives passed an historic healthcare reform bill by a vote of 220-215. The legislation contains the key provisions our union sought: a strong public option to increase competition and lower costs, requirements for employers to either provide coverage or pay into a system to ensure employees can get coverage, and NO TAX on benefits.

### HOW THEY VOTED

**All Republicans voted WRONG (against the bill) except for:** Joseph Cao (LA-2).

**All Democrats voted RIGHT (for the bill) except for:** Adler (NJ-3), Altmire (PA-4), Baird (WA-3), Barrow (GA-12), Boccieri (OH-16), Boren (OK-2), Boucher (VA-9), Boyd (FL-2), Bright (AL-2), Chandler (KY-6), Childers (MS-1), Davis (TN-4), Davis (AL-7), Edwards (TX-17), Gordon (TN-6), Griffith (AL-5), Herseth Sandlin (SD-AL), Holden (PA-17), Kissell (NC-8), Kosmas (FL-24), Kratovil (MD-1), Kucinich (OH-10), Markey (CO-4), Marshall (GA-8), Massa (NY-29), Matheson (UT-2), McIntyre (NC-7), McMahon (NY-13), Melancon (LA-3), Minnick (ID-1), Murphy (NY-20), Nye (VA-2), Peterson (MN-7), Ross (AR-4), Shuler (NC-11), Skelton (MO-4), Tanner (TN-8), Taylor (MS-4) and Teague (NM-2).

### Please Call Your Senators

The Senate will begin debate shortly on their version of a reform bill. Their bill is not as strong as the House bill. A key concern is that it contains a tax on benefits that we want to see removed.

**1 - Dial Toll-Free, 866-203-4960.**

**2 - Ask for your Senators.** *Note: Make two calls, one to each Senator.*

**3 - Tell him or her that you are a voter in their state and they need to:**

**Support healthcare reform that:**

- **Has a strong public option,**
- **Ensures employers provide care or pay into a system to ensure everyone can get care, and**
- **Does not tax benefits.**

*Please make sure that all results are reported to your District Rapid Response Coordinator.*